
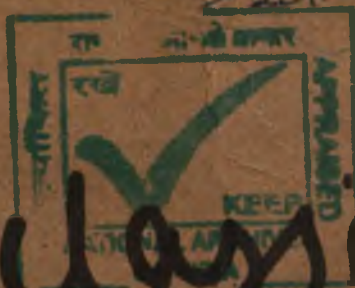


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Reference F.R. at S.M. 4

Reference MHA. O.M. No. I-12014/13/200-15(D.I.)
dated 11.01.2001 placed at S.M. 4/c.

We have checked all the files available
in New Section on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose but
could not find any of the two documents mentioned
in the F.R. under reference.

D.F.A. is place below for approval please.

May kindly see for approval / signatures.

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We have checked all the relevant files available in NNS Section and could not find any papers related to the submission of letter by Chiang-Kai Sheik to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

SOC(MW) may please see for information please.

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28.01.01

Re. issue.

JS
28/01/01 SOC(MW)

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Reference FR-I & II above.

D.F.A is placed below for approval please
May kindly see for approval/ signatures.

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9/2/01

SOC(MW)

JSCAM&CNRV - has seen and signed. Re. issue.

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9/2

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NGO Section

MOS (AP) has desired to see this file please.

for
12/2/2001

JS (AMS & ENV)

for
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MOS (HP) has seen & the file
is being returned.

for
22/2/2001

JS (CIV)

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**Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section**

Reference: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry's letter dated 16.02.2001 to MOS(AP) placed at FR.

The position in respect of various items highlighted by the Commission in their letter under reference is as under ad-seriatim:-

- (a) All the documents asked for by the Commission in its various proceedings from the Ministry of External Affairs have already been supplied to them and there is no action pending in this regard.
- (b) As far as the Commission's visit to London in order to examine the records of British Library is concerned, our Mission in London have already sought the convenience of the British Library in this regard and this was duly informed by us to the Commission vide our letter dated 17.10.2000. For the proposed visit of the Commission to London in April, 2001, we have again written to HCI, London on 13.02.2001 to confirm about the various arrangements requested by the Commission. A response from HCI London is awaited. As soon as a reply is received, the same will be communicated to the Commission.
- (c) About the Commission's request dated 07.02.2001 for furnishing the present address of the witnesses from Japan who were earlier examined by Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry, we have already written on 20.02.2001 to our Ambassador in Japan to furnish the information desired by the Commission. On receipt of a response from Embassy of India, Tokyo, the Commission will be informed.
- (d) As far as the Commission's letter dated 06.02.2001 pertaining to their request to persuade the Government of Russia and other CIS country's for examination their archival records is concerned, the Commission's original letter has not been received by us so far. However on the basis of the copy of this letter sent by the Commission to MOS(AP), a reference is being made to JS(EF) for further necessary action.
- (e) All the available original records pertaining to Shah Nawaz Committee of Inquiry have already been sent to the Commission and nothing is pending from MEA side in this regard.
- (f) The Commission's letter is self explanatory.
- (g) The Commission directives dated 23.03.2000 for production of U.O. Notes/Records from PMO to Under Secretary(SEA), MEA should be available in the files of Prime Minister's Office and PMO is to supply them to the Commission. However, we are also checking our records as to whether some of these papers are available in MEA files. If so, the same would be supplied to the Commission at the earliest opportunity.

Submitted please.

JS(NGO)
27.02.2001

JS(CNV)

propose MOS(AP)'s remarks on the attached file. a summary of action taken by MEA above in respect of the Justice Mukherjee Commission may kindly be seen for information.

Healy 5/3/01

Please prepare reply of this letter and file it in the file of the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

JS(CNV)

*No. 516 / MOS(EA) / 2000
Date 15/3/2001*

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MOS(AP)

Ref. - MOS (AP)'s instructions on pre-page fl.

As desired by the MOS, a reply to the Commissioner's letter mentioned at 'A' on pre-page is placed on the file for approval / signatures please before issue.

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16/3/01

JS (AMS & ENV)

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Ref: FR — SMO 39

Please examine if any action is required.

Sol.
DR (CW)
16/3

US(EW-II)

Please check previous papers and let me know if we need to take any further action.

Sol -
US(EW-II)
16/3

So (EW)

Checked, we have not received any papers in connection with Examination of files on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose available in ~~British~~ British Library, London as well as deputation of Director General of Archives to U.K. (for Pt. Clearance) as mentioned in para 3 of Said letter from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.
Submitted please.

Amil
19/3/01

So (EW)

Ref notings above:-
US(EW-II) We have ascertained that all papers related to the Justice Mukherjee Comm. of Enquiry, are currently with NAO. We could send this FIR to JS (CW). For kind approval.

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JS (CW)

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Action already been taken.

Please see S.M. 25/c & 26/c in ~~the~~ connection of Justice Mukherjee Commission visit to London.

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**Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section**

Reference: FR at S.No. 40/c

Ministry of Home Affairs vide their letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) dated 14.03.2001 placed at S.No.37/c, have sent the copies of eight letters issued by this Ministry pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and have sought our views about downgrading or declassification of these letters in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji. The list of the letters under consideration may kindly be seen at flag 'A'.

We have gone through the letters enclosed by MHA with their letter and have observed as under:-

- (a) The letter mentioned at S.No. 1, 6, 7 & 8 pertain to the investigation made by the Japanese Government into the alleged death of Netaji in the plane crash and the bringing back of Netaji's ashes to India from Japan. The investigation reports of Japanese Government mentioned in these letters pertain to the period 1956 or of earlier period. Further, the question of bringing back of Netaji ashes to India has been raised many times in the past in Parliament and the Government has replied them on the floor of respective house of the Parliament. Keeping in view that the papers are the dated and have also been subject to Parliament questions, there appears no justification for keeping them classified.
- (b) Letters at S.Nos. 2, 3, 4, & 5 are mainly the copies of various articles published in the Russian magazine about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and their analysis and, as such, do not appear to contain information that can compromise national security and may be de-classified.

In view of the above it is suggested that the letter enclosed with MHA's letter under reference may be declassified and this may be communicated to the MHA for further necessary action at their end.

Submitted please.

May kindly see for consideration / approval.

*JS/AMS
27.03.01*

*[Signature]
27/3/01*

SO(NGO)

JS(AMS & CNV)

*There are more than 30 years
old - as there has been no matter.
Even the recent correspondence
is about previously available information.
There is no document that
contains information not previously*

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In the public domain in of one
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Reference FR-I & II at S.Nos. 56 & 57

The above FRs have been received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry in connection of their visit to UK to study the records available in the British Library and to examine certain persons as witnesses.

In this regard, we have received a letter from HCI, London (placed at S.No.60 as FR-V). We may send a copy of this letter to JMCI for their information. DFA-I is placed below for approval please.

Reference FR-III at S.Nos: 58 & 59

The above FRs have been received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry in connection of their visit to Japan to examine the living Japanese witnesses earlier examined by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and Khosla Commission of Inquiry.

In this regard, we may forward a copy of JMCI letter dated 11.04.01 to DCM, Embassy of India, Tokyo. DFA-II is placed below for approval please.

Reference FR-VI at S.No.61

The above FR is received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry in connection of their propose visit to USSR and other concerned States to examine the relevant records and witnesses available there.

In this regard we may forward a copy JMCI letter dated 19.04.01 to DCM, Embassy of India, Moscow. DFA-III is placed below for approval please.

Submitted for consideration and approval please.

11/26/01
26/04/01

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Director(CNY)

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D.No. 3758/NGO/01	S.No. 72	FR-IV

Reference FR-I at S.No.68

The above FR has been received from JMCI. In their letter JMCI has requested us to send them a true copy of the reports of Col.J.G.Figges and 'Secret' M-12 report of British Directorate of Military Intelligence.

In this connection we have checked the relevant files available in NGO and could not find any reports . A reply to the JMCI letter is placed below as DFA-I for approval please.

Reference FR-II & FR-III at S.No. 69 &70

The above FRs have been received from JMCI, requesting us to obtain the present address of Mr. L.Lochner, an American Journalist, if he is alive through Embassy of India, Washington and further requesting us to take up with US authorities the matter about making available to the Commission all declassified documents in possession of the US Government and its agencies on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA for scrutiny by the Commission.

In this regard, we may forward a copy of JMCI letters dated 24.04.2001 and 27.04.2001 to Embassy of India, Washington. DFA-II is placed below for approval please.

Reference FR-IV at S.No.72

The above FR is received from JMCI regarding proposed visit of the Commission to the UK addressed to Smt.Sangita Gairola, JS(IS), MHA and copy endorsed to us to request to HCI, London to arrange accommodation and local transport during their visit to London.

In this connection, HCI, London will require a proper sanction issued by MHA indicating the Heads of Account number to which the expenditure incurred in respect of arrangements of accommodation and local transport to be debited. DFA-III is placed below for approval please.

Submitted for consideration and approval please.

SO(NGO)

Director(CNV)

DFA III slightly amended.

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Ref. - The notes on the page 10.

AFA-III, as amended by Dir (CNV), has been forwarded and is placed on file for signature please.

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Dir (CNV)

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Dir (CNV)
11.5.2001

A fair letter addressed to Justice Mukherjee

Commission of Inquiry, is placed below for approval and signature please.

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15.5.2001

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A fair letter addressed to Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry, is placed below for approval
and signature please.

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A fair letter addressed to DCM, Embassy of
India, Washington, is placed below for approval
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A fair letter addressed to DCM, ^{High Comm.} ~~Embassy~~
of India, London, is placed below for approval
and signature please.

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A fair letter addressed to Mr. D.B. Ventatesh Varma,
FSCPOI, Embassy of India, Moscow, is placed below
for approval and signature please.

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Reference: FR placed at S.No. 96/c.

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide their letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow Up)/48(VII,III)/139 dated 01.06.2001 has requested us to forward the complete proceedings of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee containing the orders/directions passed by the said Committee from time to time along with the affidavit to be sworn by the competent officer not below the rank of a Joint Secretary.

In this connection we have forwarded in original two files No. 14(13)/FEA/56(Pt.A) and file No. 14(13)/FEA/56 (Pt.B) to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.V dated 05.01.2001 (o/c placed at S.No.134/c of Vol.V). These two files have been selected from the several files received from EA Division vide their note No.S-470/EA2/2000 dated 08.12.2000 (placed at S.No. 113/c of Vol.V). No other files have been found relevant for submission to JMCI.

Submitted for information and further instructions. please.

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SO(NGO)

JS(AMS & CNV)

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The papers concerning Shah Nawaz Khan Committee were located in EA Division (JK Registry). They had earlier sent us some files on this which had been forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. However, it appears from the FR that not all papers which the Commission needs were not available in those files.

In view of the above, we may again request JK Registry to once again check their records and let us know the position. A note to Dir (China) and an interim reply to the Commission are placed on the file for approval / signatures please.

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We have not been able to locate any of the documents desired by the JMC. Dir (CIV) may, therefore, like to inform Pmo as per fair note placed below pt.

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1. Reference F/R from Ministry of Home Affairs requesting MEA to examine Hindustan Samajwadi Prajatantra Sena (HSPS)'s request that the agreement reached with the U.K on 14th August 1947 be placed on the Table of the House. HSPS has also sought information regarding the disappearance/death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and his inclusion in the list of war criminals drawn up by various foreign countries after World War II.

2. EW Division does not have any papers pertaining to the agreement reached with the U.K on 14 August 1947. Further, all relevant papers relating to the disappearance/death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose are currently with CNV Division. However, during the previous Parliament sessions, we obtained information on Netaji's inclusion in the list of war criminals by the U.K. Both the British Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence have confirmed to our High Commission in London that Netaji's name is not in the list of war criminals drawn up by the U.K after World War II. Copies of Mission's self-explanatory faxes are enclosed. In view of the nature of information sought by the Ministry of Home Affairs, it is requested that we may forward the F/R and HCI London's faxes to CNV Division for appropriate action at their end.

may kindly approve.

Vani

(Vani S. Rao)

Under Secretary (EW-II)

19 July, 2001

Director (EW)

may kindly see and approve
action proposed at 'x' above

Shah
19/7.

JS (EW)
As proposed.
20/7/2001

Di (EWS)
Di (CNV)
20/7
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May wish to take appropriate action on the F/R.
(We have retained a copy)

Day 22/7

Di (CNV)

Di
23/7

As discussed.

N/O
24/7

NGO Section
Draft letter is p.u. for approval pl.

Di
30/7

Shah

So (N/O)
Di (CNV)

From pre-page.

The letter from Shri Balkavi Bairagi, M.P., was in Hindi. Therefore, the reply has also to be in Hindi. If the draft letter placed below is approved, we may get it translated into Hindi and send it under JS(CNV)'s signature. As per rules, replies to letters from Members of Parliament should go from officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above.

Submitted for consideration/approval, please.

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30/7/01

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30/7/2001

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Director (CNV)

Yes. I agree.

July 31/8

JS(AM & CNV)

JS(AM & CNV)

JS(AM & CNV)

AD (A)

हिन्दी मंत्रालय (संस्कृत विभाग) द्वारा जारी है इसे एक प्रतिलिपि में

जारी (किया है)।

मंत्रालय
संस्कृत विभाग
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उपसचिव (हिन्दी)

JS(AM & CNV)

संस्कृत सचिव (सी.एन.वी.) के द्वारा

इसे कृपया D.O. के कार्यालय पर प्रेषित किया जाये।

उपसचिव (हिन्दी)

स्वच्छ हो पर प्रेषित है 6/8.

संस्कृत सचिव (सी.एन.वी.) के द्वारा

JS(AM & CNV)

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Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

Reference FR (D.No. 6578/NGO/01 — S.No. 140)

The areas of enquiry touched upon by Justice Mukherjee in his letter of 21.8.2001 to EAM (FR) are the following:

- i) to take up with the Governments of the UK, the USA, Japan, Taiwan and the Russian Federation the matter of making available all records and documents, both unclassified and classified, relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
- ii) the same group of the aforementioned countries to be requested for all facilities to enable the Commission to record evidence of witnesses in the respective countries.

The country-wise position in respect of information/documents called for by the Commission upto now and our response in each case is given below.

UK

It has been mentioned that following the visit of the Commission to the UK in July this year, it was revealed that some papers in the British Records relevant to the subject of enquiry will remain closed till 2021. To have access to these records, the Commission desires us to take up with the UK Govt. the issue of declassification of these records. We will, therefore, have to approach our Mission in London to take up the matter with the Govt. of UK.

USA

The Commission had asked us to approach the US Govt. to grant access to all available records relating to Netaji in the custody of CIA and other agencies. The response of our Mission in Washington to whom we had written on this issue in May this year is still awaited. We may send a reminder to them.

Japan

The Commission had sent a list of witnesses in Japan whom they wish to examine with the request that their present addresses may be intimated. The information received from our Mission in Tokyo has already been forwarded to the Commission. On the issue of providing assistance, both personnel and material, as desired by the Commission for the purpose of recording evidence in Japan, they have been requested to intimate the proposed date of their visit to Japan. We have now been informed that the Commission wishes to visit Japan sometime in November this year. Other documents emanating from Japan which have been called for by the Commission have been furnished to them.

Taiwan

The Commission has expressed its desire to visit Taiwan to examine certain witnesses with the assistance of our Missions abroad. It has also sent a list of witnesses whose whereabouts are to be ascertained. However, in the absence of our diplomatic relations with Taiwan, the Commission will have to be informed of our difficulties both in ascertaining the whereabouts of the listed witnesses and arranging the visit of the Commission to Taiwan in case it decides to do so.

Russia and other States under the Russian Federation

Besides asking about the whereabouts of some potential witnesses in Russia, the Commission had called for all documents relating to Netaji which could be available with various agencies in the Russian Federation. A list of these agencies/authorities was also supplied by the Commission to facilitate the search of documents.



from pre-page

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Our Mission in Moscow had forwarded in July, 2001 some documents which it received through the local Foreign Office. All these documents are in Russian. Their English translation is still awaited. We may send a reminder to the Mission on this. These documents will be forwarded to the Commission as soon as the translations are received. As far as the process of locating the whereabouts of the listed witnesses in Russia is concerned, our Mission in Moscow has informed that it is seized of the matter.

In view of the position elucidated above, the points of action to be taken by us are as under:

1. Write to HCI, London as per draft letter placed below. (DFA I)
2. Send a reminder to E/I, Washington as per draft letter placed below. (DFA II)
3. Seek a confirmation from E/I, Tokyo about the requirements of the Commission as per draft letter placed below. (DFA III)
4. Send a reminder to E/I, Moscow as per draft letter placed below. (DFA IV)
5. A decision will have to be taken by the Ministry in the matter of examination of witnesses in Taiwan, in case there are any still surviving, before we respond to the Commission on this issue.

Submitted pl.

6/9/2001

SO(NGO)

Director (CNV) may kindly see notes from pre-page 24/n, which details the action taken/require to be taken on the various points raised in the FR. DFA I to IV may kindly be approved.

EAM has instructed that a draft reply to Justice Mukherjee be put up. While all other points raised by Justice Mukherjee have been acted upon, his request to take up the matter with the government of Taiwan may need to be examined in consultation with the East Asia Division and thereafter, a comprehensive draft reply could be submitted to EAM for approval.

Submitted, please.

S. Mitra

(Sandip Mitra)
Section Officer (NGO)
6.9.2001

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NGO

Dir(CNV)

Fair letters (5 Nos.) are put up for sign. pl.
The file is re-submitted w.r.t.
the Commission's request regarding Taiwan.

6/9/01

Mitra
6/9/01

SO(NGO)

Dir(CNV)

from pre-page

JS(EA) is requested to examine the Commission's request at 'A' of 'Flag' X' in so far as it relates to Taiwan.

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9/9/201

JS(EA) In na.
✓ 2/2/201

The Commission's request is twofold, namely, access to all records and documents, both open and classified, relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which may be in the possession of Taiwanese authorities; and visit of the Commission to Taiwan to enable it to record evidence of witnesses, if any.

2. When Netaji was reported killed in an air accident in Taipei on 18 August 1945, the island of Taiwan was under Japanese occupation. Netaji reportedly passed away in a Japanese Military Hospital, and his remains were taken to Tokyo almost immediately after cremation. The present 'Government' in Taiwan took over only in mid-1949. It is possible that the medical records, if any, were also taken to Japan.

3. ITA Council could be asked to discreetly enquire from Taiwanese authorities whether any records / documents are available with them. We may not receive an early reply. There is, however, no harm in their pursuing this line of inquiry.

4. As for witnesses to the event, we may ask the Mukherjee Commission to provide a list. Without such a list, it may not be possible for ITA to trace them, even if any of the witnesses are still living.

5. Once ITA has reverted to us with some information on the availability of records / documents relating to the reported death of Netaji in Taipei and, if the Taiwanese authorities are willing to give the necessary access, a visit by the Mukherjee Commission can be considered at that stage. The Mukherjee Commission should not directly contact ITA on this matter.

T-296/Dir(c)/01
11-9-2001

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)
Director (EA)
September 11, 2001

✓ JS (EA)

T-710/RS/01
12/9

✓ *JS*
✓ *JS*
✓ *JS*
12/9

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12/8/01

✓ *Dir*
13.9.2001
✓ *Dir(CNV)*

For Dir (CNV)
I presume you will write to ITA. There is a specific format. We could discuss. *AB*

- pp. letter to the Commission
re: para 2 & 4 above.
- ref to ITA will be by EA Div. 14/9
NSO

For action as discussed.

14/9/01

Sh. Sun

T-299/Dir(c)/2001
19.9.2001

As discussed, Dir (c) may make direct enquiries from ITA. The list of witnesses refd to in para 4 of page 26 ante is enclosed. (flag x).

Dir(c)

14/9

ITA Taipei has been asked to make enquiries with the Taiwanese authorities. Let us await a response.

✓ *Dir(CNV)*

19/9 NSO
19.9.2001

S.Nos. 141 to 147 — Issue

NGO

Reference 1) Notes on p. 25 ante & S.No. 140/c
2) D. 6709/NGO/01 — S.No. 149 — FR

EAM had asked for a draft reply to Justice Mukherjee to be put up. Since the issue regarding Taiwan has been addressed in consultation with EA Division, we may now put up the draft reply to Justice Mukherjee for consideration (DFA)

A fair letter to E/I, Tokyo regarding the points raised in the FR is also put up — for signature please.

20/9/2001

May kindly see for consideration, please.

Mitra
20/9/01

US(NGO)

DFA is letter from EAM to Justice Mukherjee in response to Justice Mukherjee's letter at 'Flag A'.

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Please issue after keeping o/c.

Mitra
27/9/01

Sh. San

S.No. 150 — Issue

D. 7018/NAO/01 — S.No. 151 — Receipt

S.No. 152 — Issue

D. 7095/NAO/01 — S.No. 153 — FR

FR is regarding checking of the whereabouts of some witnesses in Russia about which we had written to B.I., Moscow. Since the information is still awaited and the Commission has called for ~~the~~ a status report in the case within six weeks, we may write to our Mission in Moscow as per fair letter placed below.

In the meanwhile, we have received some archival documents from Russia through our Mission in Moscow. The documents pertaining to Netaji had been bought by the Mukherjee Commission. We may now forward these to the Commission. Fair letter in this connection is also placed below for origin. please.

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1/10/2001

US(NAO)

For approval/signature, please.

Mitra
1/10/2001

Dir (copy)

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1/10/2001

Signed

Pl. issue after keeping o/c.

Where's JRA?

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1/10/2001

Sh. San

Mitra
1/10/01

S.No. 154 — Issue
S.No. 155 — Issue

D. 7232/NGO/01 — S.No. 156 — Receipt
D. 7234/NGO/01 — S.No. 157 — Receipt
D. 7333/NGO/01 — S.No. 158 — Receipt
D. 7306/NGO/01 — S.No. 159 — Receipt.

Reference FRI (S.No. 157/c) & FRII (S.No. 159/c)

The files pertain to the proposed writ of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

As desired, a draft letter to the Commission is put up for approval pl.

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4/10/01

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Dir(cnv)

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5/10/01
The fair letter is put up for signature pl.

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5/10/01

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Dir(cnv)

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S.No. 160 — Issue
S.No. 161 — Issue

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5/10/01

Sh. Sen

D. 7336/NGO/01 — S.No. 162 — Added

S.no. 163 — Receipt
S.no. 164 — Receipt

Reference FR — S.no. 165/c

As desired, a draft circular is placed below

For for approval please.
16/10/01

US (NGO)

For consideration/approval, please.

Slitua
16/10/01

Dir (CNV)

As desired, we may send the circular letters to our Russians in Washington, London & Moscow, and replies (2 nos.) to the Justice Mukherjee Commission as per fair letters placed below.

For
17/10/2001

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Dir (CNV) 17/X

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D. 7584/NGO/01 — S.no. 166 — Receipt
S.no. 167 — Added
S.no. 168 — Receipt
S.no. 169 — Issue
S.no. 170 to 174 — Issue
S.no. 175 — Added

No. C/415/3/96 - JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

This is in continuation of our earlier note of even No. dated 23rd August, 2001 regarding files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In this connection Director (CNV)'s note No. 25/4/NGO. Vol. VI dated 5th July, 2001 refers.

Vide our note of even No. dated 18.7.2001 and No. C/551/10/2000-JP, we have already sent eight files and five files to NGO Section. We had asked for some more files from RM Section and they have stated that the same are not available with them.

(N.S. Bhaosra)
SO(JK)
16.10.2001

US(JK)

Director (EA)

US(NGO)

17.10.2001

Please go through all the files received from EA Division to see if the materials sought by Justice Mukherjee Commission are available in them. We may put up the papers to Dir (CNV) thereafter with Draft reply to the Commission. Please try to finish this by October 19th, 2001.

Sh. Sen

Have gone through all the files sent by EA Divn. None of these contain the material desired by the Commission, viz, exhibits/documents called for by / filed before the Shah Nawaz Committee and the complete proceedings of the same Committee. We may, therefore, send a response to the Commission as in the

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18/10/01

Dr. No. 8559
Date 17/10/01

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Reference Note on pna-page.

Justice Mukherjee Commission had asked for certain papers related to the Shah Nawaz Committee. We had submitted files available and had informed the Commission that efforts were being made to locate further records. EA Division was requested to make a vigorous search to see if any more documents on the subject were available. We have now been informed that apart from the files that EA Div. had sent us earlier, they have no other document on the subject. We may, therefore, inform the Commission accordingly.

Note on p. 32/n

A draft letter is placed on file for approval, please.

Mitra

19/10/01

T-136 /JS (EA)
09/12/15

Sir (Cav)
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Pl. Fair
re
20/10/01
NPO

For letter p.u. for 2, 1/11/01
Dr (Cav) pl.

Amr K
25/11/01

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

October 25, 2001 , 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my letter of even number dated 5th July, 2001 regarding documents relating to the Shah Nawaz Committee (para 8 of the Status Report as on June 11, 2001).

2. We have conducted a thorough and extensive search in this Ministry to locate documents/files containing the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee and the exhibits/documents called for by and/or filed before the said Committee. However, no further records on the subject were found.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

Copy to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Standing Counsel to the Govt. of India in Justice Mukherjee Commission, Room No.5, High Court Kolkata.

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Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has asked us to send them the exhibits/documents called for by and /or filed before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee alongwith the complete proceeding of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee incorporating the orders/directions passed by the said Committee from time to time.

EA Division(JK Registry) had earlier forwarded to NGO Section some files on the proceedings of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee, 1956, vide their notes no. C/551/14/90-JP dated 16.05.2000, S-470/EAI/2000 dated 08.12.2000, No.Nil dated 08.01.2001 and S-34/EAI/01 dated 18.01.2001. The relevant files had been sent by NGO to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry but as per the Commission, these files do not contain the complete proceedings / exhibits/documents called for by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee. Therefore, the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to provide all these documents.

In view of the above, Director(China) is kindly requested to direct JK Registry to send us all the remaining documents pertaining to the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee which may be in their possession or may be available in the R&M Section to enable us to forward them to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

As the Commission desired to have these documents immediately, urgent action is requested.

A Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Director (CNV)
July 5, 2001.

Director (China)

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No. C/415/3/96 - JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Reference Director (CNV)'s note No. 25 4 NGO.Vol. VI dated 5th July, 2001 regarding files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

In this connection following eight files are placed below, for further necessary action:-

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1.	C 551(25) 64 JP	Controversy in regard to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's death
2.	C 551(32) 64-JP	Netaji Research Bureau
3.	C 551 2 68-JP	Miscellaneous Papers about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Demand by MPs for fresh inquiry)
4.	C 551 21 68 JP	Netaji Research Bureau- Request for release of foreign exchange for collection of material relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
5.	C 551 20 68-JP	Ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose - Legal Notice against bringing them to India-
6.	C 551 4 71-JP	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose- Miscellaneous References
7.	C 551 12 93-JP (VOL. I)	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
8.	C 551 12 93-JP (VOL.II)	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

NGO Section may kindly see.

[Signature]
(N.S.Bhaisora)
SO(JK)
18.7.2001
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Director (EA)

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18.7.2001

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No. C/551/10/2000 - JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Reference Director (CNV)'s note No. 25-4 NGO.Vol. VI dated 5th July, 2001 regarding files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and our earlier note of even No. dated 17.7.2001.

In this connection following five files received from RM Section are placed below, for further necessary action:-

Sr. No.	File No.	Subject
1. ✓	C 551 9 69-JP	Speeches of Netaji in foreign countries - procurement of
2. ✓	C 551 10.69-JP (Vol. I)	Demands by several members of Parliament for setting up a fresh enquiry commission to probe afresh into the circumstances leading to disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
3. ✓	C 551 10 69 - JP (Vol. II)	Netaji Enquiry Committee - Findings
4. ✓	C 551 4 67 - JP	Presentation of the Sword of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by Lt. General Iwaichi Fujiwara, a retired Japanese army officer - General Fujiwara's suggestion regarding Joint Indo -Japanese Probe into death of Netaji
5. ✓	C 551 8 70 - JP (Vol. I)	Fresh Probe into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

2. NGO Section may kindly see.

3. It may be mentioned here that we have asked for some more files from RM Section which will be sent to NGO Section as soon as these are received.

[Signature]
23/8/01
SO (K)

Director (EA)

Director (CNV)

Copy to
RM Section.

147/RM/2001
16/8/2001

Reference Director(EA)'s note of even No. (copy attached) dated 10th July, 2001 regarding requisitioning of files. Out of the 13 files, only six files have been handed over to us. As these files are being asked for by NGO Section and they have reminded us several times, it is requested that remaining seven files may kindly be sent to us urgently.

In case these files are not available, the same may be communicated.

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(N.S. Bhaisora)
SO(JK)
16.8.2001

SO(RM)

RM Section

Ref. note above: -

Files mentioned at Sr. No. 3, 11 and 13 are not available in the Records Room.

Sr. No. 298

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S.O (JK)

As per the File Register, the following reference numbers have been recorded against entry of files at Sr. No 3, 11 and 12: -

Sr. No 3 - SRR / 25-9-71

Sr. No 11 - ORR-1980/ 6-2-76

Sr. No 12 - SRR / 30-9-83

RM Section, may, once again, kindly make effort to trace the files with the help of these reference Nos.

SO(RM)

JABh
23/08/2001

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Immediate

No. C/551/10/2000 - JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Requisition for File

The following files are required for some urgent reference. RM Section is requested to send these files to us at the earliest :-

Sr. No.	File No.	Subject
① ✓	C'551(25)'64/JP	Controversy in regard to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's death
② ✓	C:551(32)'64-JP	Netaji Research Bureau
③ ✓	C.551 1-67-JP	Enquiries about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose → R (C) 1930 SRR 25/9/7
④ ✓	C 551.2-68-JP	Miscellaneous Papers about Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (Demand by Mps for fresh inquiry)
⑤ ✓	C 551 21-68 JP	Netaji Research Bureau- Request for release of foreign exchange for collection of material relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
⑥ ✓	C:551 20-68-JP	Ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose - Legal Notice against bringing them to India
✓ 7. 24/8/01	C 551 9-69 -JP	Speeches of Netaji in foreign countries - procurement of ✓
✓ 8. 21/8/01 Vol II + III	C 551 10-69-JP	Demand by several members of Parliament for a fresh enquiry into the alleged death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose ✓

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C/551/4/67-JP

Presentation of the Sword of
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by
General Fujiwara, a Japanese army
officer and General Fujiwara's
suggestion regarding Joint India-
Japanese Probe into death of Netaji

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Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose-
Miscellaneous References

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Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose-
Miscellaneous References

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Commission

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Commission

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W. Gokhale

C-551/8/70-JP
Vol. I

Fresh probe into the disappearance of
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

(Vijay Gokhale)
Director (EA)
10th July, 2001

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RM Section,
MEA

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11/7/2001

1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 10 recd. from

RM Section on 17/7/2001 and forwarded

to M. G. O. Section on 18/7/2001.

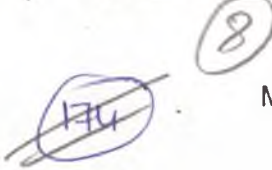
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18/7/01



Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

October 17 , 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/283 dated 3.9.2001 regarding recording of witnesses in Japan.

2. Our Mission in Tokyo has with the assistance of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Academy got the list of witnesses re-checked and updated and the revised list is enclosed. The Mission has indicated that the addresses of all witnesses who had deposed before the Shah Nawaz Committee and are alive have been obtained. However, they have not been able to obtain the addresses of some of the witnesses who had deposed before the Justice Khosla Commission. The address of Dr. Taneqashi Yoshimi, one of the key witnesses as per the Commission, has, however, been obtained.

3. Our Mission has also approached the Government of Japan for making available all records and documents relating to Netaji in their possession and control and also to extend all help and facilities to the Commission to facilitate the recording of evidence of the witnesses. The full list of witnesses has also been forwarded to the Government of Japan. Their response is awaited. Our Mission will verify the addresses of the witnesses with the postal authorities once they receive the assent of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Govt. of Japan. Thereafter, the dates for the visit of the Commission to Japan could be finalized.

4. Our Mission is also awaiting specific information regarding the staff and space requirements for the Hon'ble Commission for its work in Tokyo. The size and composition of the delegation has also been requested.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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Encl: as above

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

October 17 , 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/106 dated 28.5.2001 asking for a true report of the Government of India in the Foreign Ministry allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission and marked as Exhibit 29-I which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department on a Secret Japanese message allegedly intercepted by the Chinese advising Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be separated from his fellow travellers at the time of his journey from Burma in an aircraft.

I would like to submit that we have made a thorough search of the records available in this Ministry and we have not be able to locate the aforesaid report.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated October 17, 2001

Dear *Vikas*,

Please refer to my D.O. of even number dated 7th September, 2001 regarding documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose sought by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. Since the Commission has reminded us in the matter, I would be grateful if your response is expedited. The response should highlight the efforts made till date by the Mission to obtain the desired documents and the results thereof.

with best wishes, Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Vikas Swarup
Counsellor(Pol)
High Commission of India,
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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated October 17, 2001

Dear

Sir,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 7th September, 2001 regarding documents available with the US Government and its agencies relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which are to be forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

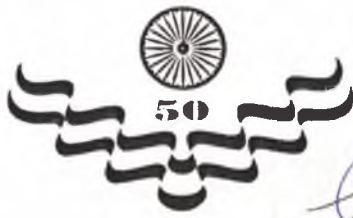
I would be grateful if your response could be expedited since the Commission has reminded us in the matter. Your response may indicate the efforts made by the Mission to obtain the desired documents/information and the results thereof.

with personal regards, Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Alok Prasad,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India
Washington

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated October 17, 2001

Dear *Sh Varma*,

Please refer to my D.O. of even number dated 1st October, 2001 regarding the affidavit filed by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar before the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Since the Justice Mukherjee Commission has reminded us in the matter, I would be grateful if your response is expedited.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

N Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma
First Secretary(Pol)
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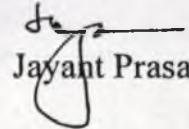
October 15, 2001

Dear Shri Pal,

With reference to your letter No.7/1 dated October 9, 2001, this is to state that the Ministry of External Affairs will be represented by Mr. Sandeep Mitra, Under Secretary, at the hearing in Vigyan Bhawan today.

best regards

Yours sincerely,


Jayant Prasad

**Shri Tarakeswar Pal,
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Dear Sir,

Re : Hearing of the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee
Commission ~~on~~ at 11 A.M. on 15th October,
2001 at Committee Room 'C' at Vigyan Bhawan
in New Delhi.

In reference to my letter under No. 12/1 dated 27th
September, 2001, may I request to send your instructions before
the said hearing.

2. On 15th instant, Shri Praneb Kumar Mukherjee will be
examined, please send any of your responsible officers at the
hearing which will be helpful to me.

This is for your information and necessary instructions.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

Tarakeswar Pal

Senior Counsel to the Govt.
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Director (CIV) may kindly see the attached Status Report prepared by Justice Mukherjee Commission on Netaji for kind information. The report has been received informally from Under Secretary (PMO).

Mitra
16/10/01

Dir(CIV) Thanks.

- 1) pp4. response to para 3.
- 2) Tokyo has responded. Let us reply fast. (para 11)
- 3) Let's report further development at para 13.

Chauhan
16/10/2001

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1. On para 3, please put up ^{interim} ~~draft~~ reply.
2. On para 11, reply may be put up.
3. On para 13, TK Registry has not been able to trace any papers as asked for by the Commission. We may inform the Commission about our efforts and results thereof.

Mitra
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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Status Report as on October 9, 2001 showing action taken on/compliance with the orders/directions including those contained in the Proceedings dated 13.06.2001 read with proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 22.12.2000, 17.01.2001, and 04.04.2001 of the Commission

1. Copies of the Status Report as on 20.08.2001 (forenoon) were sent for favour of taking necessary action to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of external Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Defence Department and Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, by Registered Post with A/D with Commission's letter bearing No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/48(Vol.III)/309(5) dated September 19, 2001 wherewith a copy of the proceedings dated August 22, 2001 of the Commission was also sent for their kind perusal.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48 (Vol.II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 to let the Commission know, within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter, which of the files/records/documents mentioned in paras (a)(I) and (a) (iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2001 of the Commission pertain to the Prime Minister's office, which of them pertain to the Ministry of Defence and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter. No reply has yet been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II) /272 dated August 23, 2001 to kindly arrange to locate further records of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and send them to the Commission expeditiously. The response of the Ministry of external Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.

4. The Director General of the National Archives of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II)/271 dated August 23, 2001 to report to the Commission immediately whether Micro-films of Mountbatten and Wavel papers are available in the National Archives of India and, if available, to send to the Commission authenticated xerox copies thereof as quickly as possible. The response of the National Archives of India in the matter is still awaited.
5. In Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/262 dated August 20, 2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that neither the original records of the day-to-day proceedings of Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry nor any authenticated copy thereof has yet been received by the Commission. He has been requested therein to ensure more vigorous efforts to locate all the remaining records pertaining to the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry including the documents presented before the said Commission, the documents not received by it in spite of its requisition and the documents which were made exhibits before it and to make all those records/documents available to this Commission as quickly as possible as those are essentially required by this Commission for the purpose of its inquiry. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.
6. Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, declared inter alia in the floor of Parliament on August 28, 1978 that "Further contemporary official documentary records have also become available" concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/177 dated June 29, 2001 has been requested to ensure production of duly attested xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records" before this Commission within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter. In course of the discussion of the Hon'ble Chairman with the Hon'ble Home Ministry on 13.08.2001, the Hon'ble Chairman also requested for making available to the Commission authenticated xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records which have also become available"

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concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. A reminder was sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/307 dated September 18, 2001. Those documents/ records are yet to be received.

7. The report and the Affidavit, as called for, from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 read with its letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/320 dated September 20, 2001, have not yet been received.

8. The Secretary, Prime Minister's office and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, were requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/ /Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/318(2) dated September 20, 2001 to confirm whether an affidavit was filed before Justice Khosla Commission on behalf of the Government of India wherein it was averred, inter alia, that more than 34 'confidential files' relating to 'Netaji Mystery' were found either 'destroyed or missing' and if so, they were requested to furnish a copy of the said affidavit with a detailed explanatory note on the contents of each of the said 34 confidential files allegedly destroyed or missing. The response to the said letter is being awaited.

9. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averment(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated May 30, 2001 was requested to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents relied upon by some deponents in their affidavit/supplementary affidavits, xerox copies of which were sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/67/263 dated September 20, 2000. In response thereto the Ministry of Home Affairs sent to the Commission a copy of the letter dated July 4, 2001 addressed to different authorities of the Government of India, wherein they were requested to go through the list of documents enclosed therewith and if necessary, to submit an affidavit before the Commission directly. The Ministry of Home Affairs was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow-up)/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 to clarify with a supporting affidavit whether

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or not the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is at all concerned in the matter of furnishing the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned. The Ministry of Home Affairs was again requested by the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/67/320 dated September 20, 2001 to take necessary action to send the report with the supporting affidavit as quickly as possible as also to indicate the name of the authority concerned of the Government of India against each of the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned to enable the Commission to pursue effectively with the authorities concerned of the Government of India for production before the Commission their respective documents. The said reports and affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, are still awaited.

10.

The Director General of National Archives, Government of India, was requested by Commission's d.o. No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/286 dated September 5, 2001, to inform the Commission whether they have got Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches of the files/documents of the public records office of the British Library which were listed by the team of the Commission after their study of the files/documents in the British Library and the Public Records office so that the Commission may obtain transcriptions from those Micro-films/Micro Fiches or authenticated xerox copies of the entire File No. K 148/A of Mountbatten papers in the Heartley Library of the Southampton University or at least of the papers listed in the said letter dated September 5, 2001 of the Commission. The receipt of the aforesaid Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches/Authenticated xerox copies are still awaited.

11.

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/2000-01/70/283 dated September 3, 2001 to take up with the Embassy of India in Tokyo so that lists of witnesses sent by them to the Commission with their No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated March 27, 2001 are verified in view of the anomalies pointed out in the Commission's said letter dated September 3, 2001 and a corrected and up-to-date list of witnesses along with their respective present correct addresses sent to the Commission as early as possible to enable it to draw up a programme or examination of the witnesses in Japan during the proposed

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visit of the Commission to Japan. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India have informed that they have taken up the matter with the Indian Embassy in Tokyo.

12.

(a) D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 26, 2001 has been received from the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in reply to the Hon'ble Chairman's d.o. No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/267 dated August 21, 2001 regarding inspection of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose stated to be lying in different foreign countries. In this communication the Hon'ble Minister has stated that the points raised in the Hon'ble Chairman's letter have been taken up with the diplomatic mission of India in the countries concerned and that they (Ministry of External Affairs) would keep the Commission informed about the outcome of their efforts in this regard.

(b) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with their d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated October 1, 2001 has sent to the Commission some xerox copies written in Russian along with their English translation which have been sent to them by the Russian Foreign Office through the Indian Mission in Moscow stating those to be "all available documents received from different Archives in the Russian Federation". The said d.o. letter and its enclosures have been received by the Commission on October 8, 2001 and will be scrutinized in due course.

13.

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/106 dated May 28, 2001 to send a true copy of the report of the Government of India in the Foreign Ministry allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission and marked as Exhibit 29-I which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department on a Secret Japanese message allegedly intercepted by the Chinese advising Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be separated from his fellow travellers at the time of his journey from Burma in an aircraft. The Ministry of External Affairs in their d.o. No. 25/4/NGO-POL.VI dated September 6, 2001 intimated that they were making every effort to trace the same and will revert to the Commission shortly in this matter. Further development is still awaited.



Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission

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No.TOK/102/3/01

October 10, 2001

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Dear *Mr. Achar,*

This refers to your letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 20, 2001 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

It is true as pointed out by the Hon'ble Commission that there are factual errors in respect of two witnesses examined before the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry (Col. Shiro Nonogaki and Mr. Taro Kono). Indeed, the two gentlemen were examined by the Justice Khosla Commission in Tokyo in April 1971. The Embassy does not have any independent expertise or information on the above witnesses and has as pointed out in our earlier communication (Our letter no. TOK/DCM/91/1 dated March 21, 2001 refers) relied on information provided by the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Academy in Tokyo. We re-checked the position with the Bose Academy who have confirmed the correct position as indicated above and regretted their error.

To simplify matters, we are enclosing with this letter two separate lists containing respectively the names and addresses of witnesses that deposed before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee of Inquiry in Tokyo and those who deposed before the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry in Japan. There is some overlapping of names between the two lists. We have obtained the present addresses of the Japanese witnesses in the two lists from the information available with the Bose Academy. Wherever the witness is no longer alive, it has been indicated in the remarks column of the lists. It will be observed that all addresses of Japanese witnesses who deposed before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee of Inquiry in Tokyo and are alive have been indicated in the relevant list. However, with regard to the list of witnesses who deposed before the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry, the present addresses of Japanese witnesses at Sl. No. 6,8,11 and 22 could not be obtained by us. The present address of Dr. Taneyashi Yoshimi who deposed before the Khosla Commission has been given at Sl. No. 28 of the relevant list.

We have formally written to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan on September 21, 2001 requesting GOJ to make

Please draft a letter to
the Secy. to the Commission from Dir (ENV),
incorporating the Mission's response.
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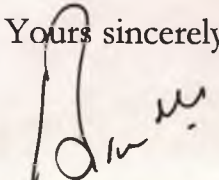
available all records and documents relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose under their possession and control and to extend all help and facilities to the Commission to enable it to record evidence from witnesses. We have also forwarded to the GOJ a full list of witnesses that the Commission wishes to depose before it. We have not, however, to date received a response from the Government of Japan in the matter. Once the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has conveyed its assent in the matter, we would like to forward for verification from the postal authorities the accuracy of the addresses provided by the Bose Academy. We would then also be able to discuss precise dates for the visit of the Hon'ble Commission to Tokyo for recording its evidence.

We hope that the above clarifies all doubts that may have arisen about the information requested by the Hon'ble Commission. We are still awaiting a specific information regarding the staff and space requirements for the Hon'ble Commission for its work in Tokyo. We would also appreciate the size and composition of the delegation.

Before I conclude, a word about the Subhash Chandra Bose Academy. The Academy helped the Mission in updating the list of witnesses for the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission. The Academy has among its members the associates of Netaji during the Second World War. Some of them had been members of an intelligence unit - the Hikari Kikan. The Academy observes the birth and death anniversaries of Netaji at the Renkoji Temple where (its members believe) the ashes of Netaji are kept in Tokyo.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,


(Biren Nanda)

Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
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7.	Ex. Lt. Col. Shiro Nonogaki	Manager, Osaka Branch, Tokyo Kogyo Boyeki Shokai Ltd., 2 nd Floor, Mistui Bank Senba Branch, 5, 2- chome, Kitya-kyuhoji- Machi, Higashi-ku, Osaka, Japan	Manager, Osaka Branch, Tokyo Kogyo Boyeki Shokai Ltd., 2 nd Floor, Mistui Bank Senba Branch, 5, 2-chome, Kitya-kyuhoji-Machi, Higashi-ku, Osaka, Japan	Vode Col. 3	Survived the plane crash and deposed before the Justice Khosla Commission
8.	Mr. Kinji Watanabe	644, Akai-cho, Nara City, Japan	2-644, Akai-cho, Nara City, Japan	Ex-Interpreter, Hikari Kikan (Hikari Kikan Member)	
9.	Mr. Sato- Kazo	Mynken-Motoyo Sokea, Otachimoor, Tsatomai, Goju Kyu Ban, No.59	Mynken-Motoyo Sokea, Otachimoor, Tsatomai, Goju Kyu Ban, No.59	Ex-Soldier Grade-I, 136, Air Unit, Taihoku	
10.	Maj. Taro Kono	No.552, Asagaya-2, Suginamiker, Tokyo	No.552, Asagaya-2, Suginamiker, Tokyo	Printing Business in Tokyo	Survived the plane crash and deposed before the Justice Khosla Commission
11.	Col. Sugiya Miyata	1073 Kawanoe City, Japan	1073 Kawanoe City, Japan	Air Staff Officer, Taihoku	
12.	Major Takahashi Ihaho	Kanagawa Ken, Zushi- shi, 607, Japan		Ex-Staff Officer, 15 th Japanese Army	Dead
13.	Col. Muraji Yano	Kagoshimaken, Kokubu, Shi Muke, 1751	Kagoshimaken, Kokubu, Shi Muke, 1751	Ex-Chief of 2 nd Section, Southern Army H.Q., Saigon	
14.	Major Masaharu Kinoshita	No.1233, Kugahara- cho, Otaku, Tokyo	No.1233, Kugahara-cho, Otaku, Tokyo	Ex-Duty Officer, Imperial General H.Q., Tokyo	

15.	Lt. Col. Morio Takakura	Ex-Staff Officer, Imperial General Headquarters, Tokyo		Ex-staff officer	Died in 1998 (Formerly a member, Bose Academy)
16.	Mr. Tatsuo Hayashida	Fukuoka City, No.1, Haru Yoshi Street, Japan	Fukuoka City, No.6-55, Tanoku Higashi-ku, Fukuoka, Japan	Ex-Second Lieutenant. Administrative Section, Formosan Army H.Q., Taihoku	Member, Bose Academy
17.	Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi	Takajocho Miyasaki-ken, Japan	Takajocho Miyasaki-ken, Japan	Officer-in-Charge, Nammon Military Hospital, Taihoku	The medical doctor, who last attended Netaji
18.	Shri Satyendra-nath Sen	No.1, 1-chome, Nakameguro, Meguro -ku, Tokyo	No.1, 1-chome, Nakameguro, Meguro -ku, Tokyo	Ex-Member of the Territorial Committee of I.I.L, Japan	
19.	Ex-Lt. Col. Shibuya Masanari	Miyagi-ken, Tsutagon, Sanbunni-cho, Machi-Oura No.43	Miyagi-ken, Tsutagon, Sanbunni-cho, Machi-Oura No.43	Ex-Air Force Staff Officer, Formosan Army, Taihoku	
20.	Ex-Captain Makato Nakamura (now Makato Yamamoto)	Fukuoka Ken Omta, 25-Yamano Owey Cho, Japan	Fukuoka Ken Omta, 25-Yamano Owey Cho, Japan	Ex-Officer-in-Charge, Taihoku Aerodrome	
21.	Mrs. Makato Yamamoto	Fukuoka Ken Omta, 25-Yamano Owey Cho, Japan	Fukuoka Ken Omta, 25-Yamano Owey Cho, Japan	Ex-Clerk, Communication Bureau, Taihoku Airport	
22.	Ex-Major Kenichi Sakai	4 Aza-Miho, Furukawa, Aomori City, Japan	4 Aza-Miho, Furukawa, Aomori City, Japan	Ex-Battalion, Commander- in-Charge, Aerodrome Defence, Taihoku	
23.	Mr. Kazuo Mitui	Fukuoka Wakamatsu-shi, 15 Nishi Hata-machi, Japan	Fukuoka Wakamatsu-shi, 15 Nishi Hata-machi, Japan	Ex-Medical Orderly, Taihoku Rikugun, Byoyin Nommon Military Hospital, Taihoku	

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24.	Mr. Juichi Nakamura	No.27, Nichome Sakura Machi, Fukuoka City, Japan		Ex-employee in the Foreign Office, Taiwan	Dead (attended to Netaji on his deathbed)
25.	Rev. Kyoei Mochizuki	Head Priest of Renkoji Temple (Netaji Shrine), 130, 2-chome, Koenji, Suginami-ku, Tokyo		Vice Col.3	Dead
26.	Ex-General Haruki Isayama	5624 Sajo Machi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo	5624 Sajo Machi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo	Ex-Chief of the General Staff, Formosan Army	
27.	Rev. Hotta Hidemeru	Priest of Higashi Honganji Temple, No.3113, Shobata, Saori-cho, Amagun, Aichi-ken, Tokyo	Priest of Higashi Honganji Temple, No.3113, Shobata, Saori-cho, Amagun, Aichi-ken, Tokyo	Vide Col.3	
28.	Mr. M. Miyoshi	36, Satsuki Cho, Fukushima-shi, Fukushima-ken, Japan	36, Satsuki Cho, Fukushima-shi, Fukushima-ken, Japan	Ex-Medical Orderly, Rikugun Byoin, Taihoku Military Hospital, Taihoku	
29.	Ex-Major S. Nagatomo	Miyazaki-shi, 2828, Nakamura Machi, Japan	Miyazaki-shi, 2828, Nakamura Machi, Japan	Ex-Staff Officer, Taiwan Army H.Q. at Taiwan	
30.	Mr. Naokichi Kitazawa	Member of the House of Representatives, Tokyo		Ex-Deputy to the Japanese Ambassador at Rangoon	Dead (Used to be a member, Bose Academy)
31.	Mr. Koji Asada	2826, 2-chome, Hom Machi, Koku Bunji, Tokyo		Ex-Diplomatic Attache to the Govt. of Burma	Dead (Used to be Hikari Kikan member)
32.	Col. J.G. Figgess	Military Attache, British Embassy in Tokyo		Ex-Staff Officer to Lt. General Gairdner, then Personal Rep. of the PM of the U.K. to General Mac Arthur.	

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List of Witnesses examined before Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry in Japan, who may appear before the Justice Mukherjee Commission

Sl. No	Name of witness	Then Address	Present Address	Occupation	Remarks
1.	Lt. Gen. Iwaichi Fujiwara	Mitoko Building, 2 F, 6-2-4, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo			Died about 30 years ago
2.	Mr. Tadashi Ando	1-4-9, Nakaikegami Ohta-ku, Tokyo Phone: 751-8576	1-49, Nakaikegami Ohta-ku, Tokyo Zip : 146-0088 Phone: 3751-8576		
3.	Mr. Tadao Sakai	6-9-17, Miyamoto Funabashi-shi, Chiba (Phone: 0474-22-5160)	-		Died 8 years ago
4.	Mr. Attur Sain Jain	-	-		-
5.	Mr. K.V. Narain	-	-		Passed away
6.	Mr. Negishi				
7.	Mr. Teruo Hachiya	4-11, Seigo, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo	4-11, Seigo, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo		
8.	Mr. Koji Takamiya	1882, Takahashiba - cho, Numata-shi, Gunma Prefecture, (Tel: 0278-2-5334)	Present address not available (Old phone number does not work)		
9.	Col. Shiro Nonogaki	5-5, Okuzawa, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo	Manager, Osaka Branch, Tokyo Kogyo Boeki, Shokai Ltd. 2 nd Floor, Mitsui Bank,		Survived the plane crash

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			Semba Branch, 2-5, Kita Kyuhojimachi, Higashi-ku, Osaka		
10.	Mr. Kinji Watanabe	644, Akai-cho, Nara City, Japan	2-644, Akai-cho, Nara City, Japan		-
11.	Mr. Ahira Kyuru	-	-		-
12.	Mr. M.J. Patel	-	-		-
13.	Mr.D.C. Gupta	-	-		-
14.	Mr. Bhagwandas Mulkhraj Jhaveri	-	-		-
15.	Mr. Ram Singh Gulani	-	-		-
16.	Mr. Hans Raj	-	-		-
17.	Mr. Tatsuo Hayashida	3-2128, Hariyoshi-cho, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka Prefecture (Phone: 0278-2-5334)	6-55 Tanoku, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Tokyo		-
18.	Mr. J. Murti	C/o Ajanta Restaurant, Kojimachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 150			Passed away
19.	Major Taro Kono	3-10-1 Hachiman, Ichikawa-shi, Chiba Prefecture	3-10-1 Hachiman, Ichikawa-shi, Chiba Prefecture		
20.	Mr. Koji Asada				Died
21.	Maj. Iwao Takashashi	Kanagawa Ken, Zushi City, 607	Kanagawa Ken, Zushi City, 607		Survived the plane crash
22.	Mr. Shigetaka Sugiura	5-3-17, Minamirinkan, Yamato-cho,	Present address not known		-

		Kanagawa Pref.			
23.	Mr. Kenichi Sakai	4- Miho, Fukuoka-Aza, Aomori, Aomori Prefecture	4, Aza-Miho, Furukawa, Aomori City, Aomori Prefecture		-
24.	Mr. Suburo Isoda	Manba-machi, Tano-gun, Gunma Prefecture	-		Passed away
25.	Mr. Yoshio Ishii (Dr.)	10-2, Minami-Yama, Buki-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo	-		Passed away 14 years ago
26.	Lt. Col. Masanari Shibuya	43, Oura, Sanbongi-cho, Shida-Gun, Miyagi Prefecture	Miyagi-ken, Tsutagon, Sanbunni-cho, Machi Oura No.43		
27.	Lt. Col. Morio Takakura	3-21, Eifuku-cho, Suginami-ku, Tokyo			Passed away on 25.07.1998
28.	Dr. Taneyashi Yoshimi	338, Takajo-machi, Kitamori-kata-Gun, Miyazaki Prefecture	338, Takajo-cho, Miyasaki-ken, Japan		Doctor last attended Netaji

List of Witnesses examined before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee of Inquiry at Tokyo, Japan

(The following are presumed alive)

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Justice Mukherjee Commission**

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1.	Dr. T. Tasuruta	Furukawa 173, Tsu City, Mie Prefecture	Furukawa, 173, Tsu City, Mie Prefecture	Army Surgeon of Nammon Brahcn of Taihoku Army Hospital	
2.	Mr. Teruo Hachiya	370, Marunouchi Building, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo		Ex-Minister to the Provisional Govt. of Azad Hind	Dead
3.	Shri Narain Das	64, Rue Fes Tangiers, French Morocco	64, Rue Fes Tangiers, French Morocco	Ex-Housing Secretary, Indian Independence League, Saigon Branch	
4.	Mr. Keikichi Arai	9,3-chome, Honcho, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan		Director, The Society of Polymer Science, Japan, Lecture of Tokyo University, Lecture of Keyo University	Dead
5.	Mr. Saburo Isoda	Manbamachi, Tanogun, Gumma Prefecture		Ex-Lt. General Chief of Hikari Kikan	Dead (formerly Bose Academy member)
6.	Shri Murti (Died India)	J. 760, Asagaya, 1-chome, Suginamiku, Tokyo		Not known	Dead

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- ✓ 3. Sri Jayant Prasad,
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Ministry of External Affairs,
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4. Sri Falguni Rajkumar,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Defence,
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Dear Madam/Sirs,

Re. : Instructions as required on the stand of the Govt. of India in reference to the Allegations against it and also for steps in the proceedings of the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission.

By this time, I understand, you have become aware of the allegations of several deponents against the Govt. of India of which basic and important ones may be concisely reproduced below.

2. a) General allegations that the Government is not producing relevant records-classified or non-classified (including 9000 files of the Ministry of Defence).

b) The Government is not taking initiative for foreign records, as well as not making the records collected therefrom public.

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*Re. as discussed
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c) As Jawahar Lal Nehru was anti-Netaji and anti-INA, he was trying to establish death of the Netaji and so Enquiry Committee was set up in 1956 under his own man, Shah Nawaj Khan and the Justice Khosla Commission was also appointed to draw the said given conclusion - and similarly the present Justice Mukherjee Commission has also been appointed with the same aim.

d) The Government is not making the records, on the basis of which the Prime Minister Morarji Desai and Minister of State Dhanik Lal Mondal expressed, in the Parliament, disagreement with the findings of the Shah Nawaj Committee and the Justice Khosla Commission, public.

e) Jawahar Lal Nehru complained to British Premier Attlee against Stalin for the latter's allowing the Netaji in the U.S.S.R. after 18th August, 1945.

f) Asiatic Society scholars have not been helped by the Government in unearthing the records proving the Netaji's existence in the USSR inspite of Russia's "no objection".

g) Government of India under Jawahar Lal Nehru and subsequently as a British Dominion Government included the Netaji as War Criminal and did nothing against such branding to bar him from coming out while the Govt. of India said to the Shah Nawaj Committee that it has not in possession of any information as to

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the Netaji's status as War Criminal, but it reaffirmed in 1971
the said status of the Netaji beyond statutory limitation.

h) Government of India's apathy to celebrate the Netaji's
birth Centenary.

1) Moves of Sri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee and Sri Jaswant
Singh, former and present Ministers of External Affairs, respective-
ly, to bring "ash" of the Netaji from Renkoji (even after the
present Commission was set up).

3. The stand of the Government of India on the above
allegations has gained further importance in view of summoning of
Sri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee, former Minister for External Affairs
as a witness (to be examined on 15th October, 2001 in New Delhi).
He has been cited as witness by the Deponents Nos. 11, 14, 23 and 27.
The expected questions to be asked (to Sri Mukherjee) are as
follows :-

a) On the basis of which records you took initiative
in bringing the "ash" stated to be of the Netaji from Renkoji ?

b) On the basis of which records you supported conferring
"Posthumous Bharat Ratna" on the Netaji ?

c) On the basis of which records the programme of bring-
ing "Ash" and conferring "Posthumous Bharat Ratna" was dropped ?

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The answer by Sri Mukherjee may be as follows :

a) I cannot remember the description of such records now, but my acts were based on the records which are lying in the Ministry.

4. An officer of the P.M.O. has also been summoned to be examined on 16th October, 2001 obviously on the allegations set forth hereinabove. Apart from that Sri Pradip Bose, Deponent No. 26, Sri Janardan Das, Deponent No. 59, Sri Mahesh Prosad Srivastava, Deponent No. 60 will be examined on 16th October, 2001. Be it mentioned that Deponent No. 27 (Sri Subrata Bose and others) have cited journalists - Sri Sitangshu Das and Smt. Prabha Jagannathan who will also be examined along with his cited witness Sri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee.

5. In view of above, kindly convey the instructions as to what stand should be taken on behalf of the Govt. of India during examinations of Sri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee and other witnesses and also during hearing in respect of the said allegations.

6. The Scheduled date of the session of the Commission in New Delhi commencing on 15th October, 2001 to continue upto 17th October, 2001 at Committee Room - 'C' in Bijnan Bhawan, New Delhi, than and Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir,

Re : Hearing of the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee
Commission at 11 A.M. on 15th October,
2001 at Committee Room 'C' at Vigyan Bhawan
in New Delhi.

In reference to my letter under No. 12/1 dated 27th
September, 2001, may I request to send your instructions before
the said hearing.

2. On 15th instant, Shri Prahab Kumar Mukherjee will be
examined, please send any of your responsible officers at the
hearing which will be helpful to me.

This is for your information and necessary instructions.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

Tarakeswar Pal

Senior Counsel to the Govt.
of India.

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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VI (Part)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

This has reference to this Section's note of 7.9.2001 regarding Exhibit 29-I purported to have been submitted by this Ministry before the Khosla Commission of Inquiry.

Response of the JK Registry is still awaited. Since the time given by the Justice Mukherjee Commission for the reply in the said matter has already elapsed, JK Registry may send their reply to NGO urgently for forwarding the same to the Commission.

9/10/2001

May kindly expedite response.

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We have checked our records and relevant papers could not be traced. Further we had requisitioned a number of files related to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from RM section. Whatever files were sent by RM section, these have already been forwarded to NGO section. NGO section's above referred note is also placed below.

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57/325(66)

Calcutta, dated, September 25, 2001

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Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To

Shri Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next hearing of the Commission will be held on 15.10.2001, 16.10.2001 and if need be on 17.10.2001 starting at 11.00 O'clock at Committee Room ‘C’ in the Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the following witnesses:-

Witnesses summoned for 15.10.2001

1. Shri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee (former Minister of External Affairs, Govt. of India)
2. Officer-in-Charge of Website of Hindustan Times
3. Shri Sitanshu Das, Correspondent, Hindustan Times
4. Shri Shali Ittaman, Correspondent, Hindustan Times
5. Shri Anju Dhar, Correspondent, Hindustan Times
6. Shri Jai Singh, Author of a letter to the Editor, Hindustan Times
7. Shri Satindra Pal Singh, Author of a letter to the Editor, Hindustan Times

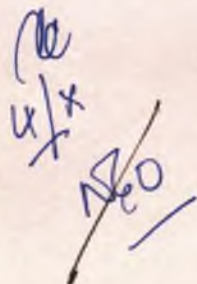
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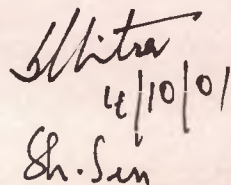
1. Authorised Officer on behalf of the Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, Govt. of India
2. Smt. Prabha Jagannathan, Correspondent, The Economic Times
3. Shri Janardan Das (JMCI/59/2000)
4. Shri Mahesh Prosad Srivastava (JMCI/60/2000)
5. Shri Rai Singh, Author of a letter to the Editor, Hindustan Times
6. Shri Pradip Bose (JMCI/26/2000)

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty




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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

October 5 , 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan for examination of witnesses.

2. Our Mission in Tokyo has been in touch with the Government of Japan in the matter of extending all possible assistance to the Commission in its enquiry. The Mission has indicated that the convenience of the Japanese Government has to be taken into account in finalizing the dates of the proposed visit. From its own side, the Mission has suggested that it would be preferable to plan the visit for early next year as it will be pre-occupied with some important events including VVIP visits during the rest of this year.

3. In the meanwhile, our Mission has requested for specific information regarding the staff, i.e., the number of secretarial and other staff, and space requirements and also the size and composition of the delegation proposing to visit Japan. I would request you to furnish this information.

4. I would also like to inform you that we have asked our Mission in Tokyo to recheck and update the list of witnesses in Japan as per the directions given in your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witness/2000-01/70/283 dated 3.9.2001. Their response will be communicated to you as soon as it is available.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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No. TOK/102/3/01

September 25, 2001

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Please refer to your letter no. 10565/FS/01 dated September 11, 2001 regarding of the desire of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to visit Tokyo. We are taking up the matter with the Government of Japan requesting them to make all records and documents, open and classified, relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in their possession and/or under their control, available to the Hon'ble Commission. We shall also be requesting the Japanese Government to extend all help and facilities to enable the Commission to record evidence of witnesses available in Japan.

We have received a separate communication from Director (CNV) in the Ministry indicating that the Commission wishes to visit Japan sometime in November 2001 for a period not exceeding 30 days in connection with its work in this country. Regarding the timing of the visit, it would of course have to depend upon the convenience of the Government of Japan whose assistance has been requested by the Commission.

Our own preference in timing would be to defer the Commission's visit until after the PM's visit during the first fortnight of December. In the latter half of November, we are expecting you for the Foreign Office Consultations, the Advance Team for the PM's visit and the Second Meeting of the India-Japan Eminent Persons' Group. We would be able to do justice to the Hon'ble Commission and focus our energies on making a success of its efforts most appropriately after the PM's visit in December. Perhaps, depending on the convenience of the Japanese Government and the Hon'ble Justice Mukhejee and other members of the Commission, we could think of dates sometime early next year.

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Please put up draft for Dir (CNV)'s approval.

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Kindly refer to your letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 20, 2001 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission.

2. I write this to quickly acknowledge your letter and confirm that we are ascertaining the position with regard to the point raised in your letter.

Best regards,

Rajasekhar
(C. Rajasekhar)

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No.TOK/102/3/01

September 21, 2001

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Dear Mrs Chauhan,

I refer to your letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 7, 2001 regarding of the desire of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to visit Tokyo in November for a period not exceeding 30 days.

Ambassador has separately written a letter to Foreign Secretary confirming that we are contacting the Japanese Government for assistance to the Hon'ble Commission in its inquiry. The timing of the visit would, amongst other things, depend upon the response and convenience of the Government of Japan to the request of this Embassy. A copy of Ambassador's letter to Foreign Secretary has also been endorsed to you.

We would be grateful for specific information regarding the staff and space requirements for the delegation and the size and composition of the delegation.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

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I am directed to send herewith a copy of the Status Report as on 20.08.2001 (forenoon) showing action taken on/compliance with the orders/directions of the Commission including those contained in the proceedings dated 13.06.2001 read with the proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.0.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 22.12.2000, 17.01.2001, and 04.04.2001 of this Commission for favour of taking necessary action.

I am also directed to send herewith a copy of the proceedings dated August 12, 2001 of this Commission for your kind perusal.

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Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

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1. Copies of the Status Report as on June 11, 2001 were sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's office, Defence Department, and Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, by Registered Post with A/D. with Commission's letters bearing No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48(Vol.II)/161(5) dated 19.06.2001 for their kind perusal and taking necessary action. Their attention to the said letter dated 19.06.2001 of the Commission has been drawn by Commission's letters dated June 28, 2001 sent by Registered Post with A/D., accompanied by copies of the proceedings dated June 13, 2001 of the Commission, for their kind perusal and necessary action. It has also been stated in the said letter dated June 28, 2001 that the Hon'ble Chairman has desired that orders/directions referred to in the proceedings dated June 13, 2001 including those referred to in the Status Report as on June 11, 2001 are to be complied with by concerned Departments/Ministries of the Government of India and their respective supporting affidavits duly sworn by the competent Officers, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Government of India, should be filed by July 31, 2001.
2. In purported compliance with the above order/direction an Action Taken Report has been sent to the Commission by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with their letter dated July 17, 2001 which states, inter alia, as follows :-
 - (a) that xerox copies of the affidavits/supplementary affidavits filed before the Commission by

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- (1) Shri Jyotish Chandra Bose and eight others,
 - (2) Shri Subrata Bose and two others, (3) All India Forward Bloc and another, (4) Shri Nirmal Sinha and three others, (5) Shri Madhusudan Pal, and (6) Shri Bijan Ghosh.

which were sent by the Commission to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in September, 2000, have been sent to the Standing Counsel of the Government of India for this Commission on 08.07.2001 for his legal opinion with regard to averments/contentions/allegations contained in the aforesaid affidavits and that based on the advice of the said Standing Counsel, Ministry of Home Affairs would revert to the Commission shortly;

- (b) that copies of the petition dated May 25, 2001 along with copies of the list of documents filed by Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, one of the co-deponents of the affidavit/Supplementary affidavits filed on behalf of Shri Jyotish Chandra Bose and eight others have been sent by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Ministry of External Affairs, Intelligence Bureau, Prime Minister's office, National Archives, and Ministry of Defence, on 04.07.2001 to examine the contents thereof and file affidavit, if required, directly before the Hon'ble Commission;
 - (c) that xerox copies of the affidavit dated March 3, 2000 filed by Shri Usha Ranjan Bhattacharya and sent by the Commission to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, under Commission's letter dated May 30, 2001, has been sent by the Ministry of Home Affairs, on 04.07.2001 to their said Standing Counsel for legal opinion and that based on his advice, the Ministry of Home Affairs would revert to the Commission shortly;
 - (d) that on receipt of the proceedings dated 23.03.2000, a copy thereof was sent by them to Prime Minister's office, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of External Affairs for complying with the directions contained therein including those contained in paras (a)(1) and (a)(iii) thereof.
3. Authenticated transcribed copies of Micro-film of the purported records given to Shah Nawaz Khan Committee have been sent to the Commission by the Ministry of Home Affairs with their letter dated July 3, 2001.

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In the Action Taken Report of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, sent to the Commission with their letter dated 17.07.2001 they have referred to the affidavit dated 27.02.2001 filed by Joint Secretary (IS-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, wherein it has been stated inter alia -

- (a) that the documents ordered to be produced in para 3(b)(iii) of the proceedings dated September 9, 2000 are not available in the Ministry of Home Affairs and even with other offices consulted on the matter;
- (b) that the records pertaining to the Khosla Commission of Inquiry have already been made available to the Commission; and
- (c) that no further records of the Khosla Commission have become available.

5. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has sent their letter dated July 13, 2001 to the Commission in reply to Commission's letter dated May 25, 2001 asking for a detailed report in the matter of the article titled, "Sleeping bomb lies in Netaji vault" authored by Shri Chandan Nandi and published in the 'Telegraph', Calcutta edition, dated March 26, 2001. In the said letter dated July 13, 2001, the Ministry of Home Affairs has stated that the Intelligence Bureau has no material ^{having} bearing on the alleged disappearance of Netaji/INA in addition to what was given to Shah Nawaz Khan Inquiry Committee, authenticated transcribed copies of the purported Micro-films of which have been sent to the Commission by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 03.07.2001.

6. Regarding compliance of para B.5 of the proceedings dated November 23, 2000 of the Commission, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in their Action Taken Report dated July 5, 2001 has stated inter alia :

"Though the records of the Shan Nawaz Khan Committee which were available in the Ministry have already been sent to the Commission by us and there is no likelihood of locating further records yet we are still making our best efforts in coordination with

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the concerned Division of this Ministry to ensure if some other records in this regard can be located. If some other records are found these would be forwarded to the Commission immediately."

7. In the matter of compliance with the order/directions contained in para A(11) of the proceedings dated August 31, 2000 of this Commission, the Prime Minister's office did not send any interim Action Taken Report. They, however, sent their affidavit dated July 27, 2001 which is under scrutiny.
8. Shri Brojogopal Mukherjee came to the office of the Commission on 14.08.2001 in the afternoon and stated verbally that he had been away from India for a considerable period of time and was going to leave India again within a couple of days and that he would visit Commission's office in the first week of September after contacting the authorities of the German Magazine, "Inter Press" in the meantime.
9. The Hon'ble Chairman along with the Secretary of the Commission had been to London during the period from July 17, 2001 to July 28, 2001 to peruse the declassified documents there as also to meet British dignitaries who were likely to throw some light on the issues before the Commission. Mrs. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director, National Archives of India, joined them later to facilitate work of the Commission. The British Library, the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, the Public Record Office, the Hartley Library of the Southampton University and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office were visited by the Hon'ble Chairman to study the records there. Evidence of Col. Hughe Toye was recorded at his residence at Wheatley, Oxford. The Hon'ble Chairman also met important relevant personalities, like, (1) Lord Peter Archer, (2) Historian, Prof. Leonard A. Gordon, the author of the book "Brothers against the Raj", (3) Dr. Andrew Hall, and (4) Mr. Richard Bevins.

The Hon'ble Chairman, accompanied by the Secretary, left London on 29.07.2001 leaving the said Assistant Director

of National Archives with instructions to take necessary steps to obtain Micro-films/Micro-fiches or xerox copies of the shortlisted files relating to the issues of the inquiry. She was expected to stay there till 05.08.2001.

10. (a) The Hon'ble Chairman went to Delhi and discussed with the Hon'ble Home Minister on 13.08.2001 at his chamber in Parliament House in the context of his visit to London and requested him to take the following actions to facilitate the proper inquiry by the Commission:-
- (i) The Government of U.K. be requested to make accessible to the Commission documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which are still being retained as "classified" in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, as also in other Offices/Agencies, if any, of the Government of U.K. with liberty to the Commission to take necessary xerox copies/Micro-films/Micro-fiches thereof.
- (ii) The U.S. Government be requested to make available to the Commission all documents whether unclassified/declassified/classified relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying with the U.S. Government and/or its Agencies with liberty to the Commission to take necessary xerox copies/Micro-films/Micro-fiches thereof.
- (iii) The Government of the Russian Union as also the Government of the States which were formerly within the territories of the erstwhile USSR be moved so that the relevant documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying in their different archives are made accessible to the Commission with the liberty to the Commission to take necessary xerox copies/Micro-films/Micro-fiches thereof.

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- (b) The Hon'ble Home Minister talked to the Hon'ble Foreign Minister over telephone and then told the Hon'ble Chairman to write a formal letter to the latter.
- (c) In course of the said discussion of the Hon'ble Chairman with the Hon'ble Home Minister on 13.08.2001, the Hon'ble Chairman requested for making available to the Commission authenticated xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records which have also become available" concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, as declared by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, in the floor of the Parliament on August 28, 1978.
11. Principal Private Secretary on being appointed Commissioner examined on Commission six witnesses at Sheopurkalan, Madhya Pradesh, during the period from 13.07.2001 to 16.07.2001 and also examined on Commission twelve witnesses at Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh, during the period from 08.08.2001 to 16.08.2001.
12. After receipt of Micro-films/Micro-fiches/Xerox copies of the shortlisted declassified files available in London relating to the issues of the inquiry of the Commission from Mrs. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director, National Archives of India, the Hon'ble Chairman will pass necessary orders with regard to the claim of privilege of Shri Kamal Pandey, Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs as contained in his supplementary affidavit filed on April 30, 2001.
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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 22.08.2001 (Tenth)
Held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta 700 007

Proceedings

August 22, 2001

Six witnesses were summoned to depose today. Of them, only Shri Pranab Mukherjee is absent. He has, however, sent a letter giving the reason for his absence. As the reason is satisfactory, his request for another date for his examination is allowed. The five witnesses present, namely, Dr. Amiya Kumar Samanta, Shri Asoke Gupta, Prof. Alok Ray, Capt. Barindra Karmakar and Shri Santanu Banerjee have been examined as C.W. Nos. 43 to 47 respectively.

In course of his examination, Dr. Samanta's (C.W. 43) attention is drawn to an article published in his name in the 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Commemoration Volume' released by the Scottish Church College in his (Netaji's) Centenary Year, and, on his admission that it was written by him, it has been marked Exhibit 64

Mr. Gupta (C.W. No. 44), during his examination admits that he filed an affidavit before the Khosla Commission, and on being shown the same he testifies that the statements made therein are correct. The affidavit has been marked Exhibit 65.

When shown the Commemoration Volume (referred to above) during his examination, the next witness, Prof. Ray (C.W. No. 45), has stated that it was edited by him. Accordingly, the Volume has been marked Exhibit No. 66.

Capt. Karmakar (C.W. NO. 46) has asserted that the statements made in the affidavit filed by him before the Commission are correct. The same has been marked Exhibit 67 and his signatures thereon marked Exhibits 67(A) to 67(J).

The attention of the last witness, namely, Shri Banerjee (C.W. No. 47), is drawn to two articles published in the English daily, 'The Times of India', dated January 23, 1989 and April 1, 1990; and, he has admitted that those were written by him. The articles are marked Exhibits 68 and 69 respectively.

M. K. Mukherjee
(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman



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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

October 1, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letters No. DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/503 dated 6.2.2001 and No. DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/27 dated 17.4.2001 regarding access to documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/Indian National Army available in the Archives of the Russian Federation.

Our Mission in Moscow had taken up the matter with the Russian Foreign Office who have now forwarded all available documents received from different Archives in the Russian Federation. We are sending herewith these documents(in Russian) alongwith their English translation.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

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To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated October 1, 2001

Dear *Shri Varma.*

Please refer to my D.O. of even number dated 6th June, 2001 regarding the affidavit filed by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar before the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

The Commission has asked for a report on the present position of the case giving details of the efforts made by the Mission so far and their outcome. On the basis of the Mission's report, an affidavit will have to be submitted by the Ministry to the Commission by 5th November, 2001. In view of this deadline, I would be grateful if the desired report is sent to us well in time, preferably by fax.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt.Narinder Chauhan)

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No. JMCI/ 48/2000/313

Calcutta, dated, the 20.09.2001

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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S.No.90/c

I am directed to refer to letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated June 6, 2001 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the First Secretary (POL), Embassy of India, Moscow, a copy of which has been endorsed to the undersigned and to request you to send a report to the Commission within six weeks from the date of the receipt of this letter as to how the matter stands at present and what are the steps, if any, taken by the Embassy of India, Moscow, in compliance with the direction of the Commission as conveyed to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India by Commission's letter No. JMCI/8/2000/103 dated 25.05.2001.

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Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

September 26, 2001

Dear Justice Mukherjee,

I write with reference to your D.O.No.JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/267 dated August 21, 2001 regarding various documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying in different countries that are required to be examined by the Commission of Enquiry chaired by you.

The points raised in your letter under reference have been taken up with our Missions in the countries concerned. We would keep the Commission informed about the outcome of their efforts in this regard.

As for assistance and facilities required by the Commission in the countries that it may visit, I assure you that our diplomatic Missions will extend all possible help to the Commission during such visits. As regards Taiwan, we would endeavour to provide the maximum possible assistance, limited as we are by the non-existence of our diplomatic relations with them.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jaswant Singh

(Jaswant Singh)

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September 19, 2001

To : ITA Council

From : Director-General

Dy.No. 2639 / Dir (China) / 01
Date 20/9
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Sl. No. - 147

This has reference to Shri Vijay Gokhale's fax of today regarding documentation relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

For background, may I mention that the Justice Khosla Commission had visited Taipei and in his Report he has stated that the Commission could not locate any original or authentic documentation in Taipei. A few months ago an Indian national (I cannot readily find his visiting card), who has been associated with the search for Netaji for over 4 decades, visited the ITA Office. At that time we had telephoned the Military Hospital and were told that all documentation more than 50 years old had been destroyed.

Nevertheless, I have initiated enquiries and will revert in due course when I receive any feedback.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Gupta.

(Ranjit Gupta)
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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated September 20, 2001

Shri Nanda,

Please refer to your letter No. TOK/DCM/91/01 dated 21.03.2001 forwarding the list of contact addresses of the witnesses whose names were provided by the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

On going through the list provided by you, the Commission has now pointed out factual errors in respect of two witnesses examined before the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry(Col. Shiro Nonogaki and Mr. Taro Kano at Sl.Nos. 4 & 5, respectively, of the said list). The Commission has mentioned that both the witnesses were examined by the Justice Khosla Commission in Tokyo in April, 1971 and, therefore, could not have been dead in the plane crash as informed by the Mission. The Commission has also observed that in the list of witnesses who were examined before the Justice Khosla Commission and are presumed alive, the Mission has provided the address of only one of the twenty one witnesses. Special mention has been made about the absence of information on Dr.Taneyashi Yoshimi whom the Commission considers as a key witness.

In view of the above, the Commission desires that all the lists of witnesses may be got verified and updated by the Mission and sent at the earliest to enable the Commission to draw up a programme for examination of the witnesses in Japan.

The Commission has also asked for the Mission's assistance in issuing a Notice both in English and Japanese relating to the conduct of its hearings in Japan. A copy of the notice will be sent by the Commission in advance to facilitate its issue.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt.Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Biren Nanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
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No. JMCI/ Overseas/Witness/2000-01/70/283, Calcutta, dated, the 03.09.2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Recording of evidence of
witnesses in Japan.

S i r,

S.No. 51/c

S.No. 41/c

I am directed to request you to refer to your letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated March 27, 2001 and its enclosures which are a confidential letter, being the letter No. TOK/DCM/91/01 dated March 21, 2001 of Shri Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, addressed to you, and lists of witnesses sent along with that letter. I am to bring to your notice ~~the~~ pages 2 and 3 of the Annexure-II to the said letter of Shri Biren Nanda, a copy each of the pages is enclosed for ready reference.

Out of the 21 witnesses named in the "List of witnesses examined before Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry in Japan", address of only one witness (13) has been furnished. The Address and Occupation Columns in respect of the remaining 20 witnesses are blank. One of these 20 witnesses is Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi who is a very important witness, as he allegedly last attended Netaji.

In the list of witnesses who have been reported to be dead there appears to be a factual error in respect of atleast two witnesses, viz., Sl.No.4 Col. Shiro Nonogaki and Sl.No.5 Mr. Taro Kono. The report of the Khosla Commission of Inquiry shows that the Sl.No.4 and the Sl.No.5 were examined by the Khosla Commission in Tokyo on 07.04.1971 and 12.04.1971 respectively as witnesses Nos.53 and 63. Thus, it is palpably clear that the statements in respect of these two witnesses in the list sent from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo is not correct.

I am directed to request you to kindly take up the matter with the Embassy of India in Tokyo so that lists of witnesses may be verified and corrected and up-to-date list of witnesses along with their present correct addresses are sent to the Commission as early as possible to enable it to draw up a programme for examination of the witnesses in Japan during its proposed visit to Japan.

An early reply will be appreciated.

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Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)

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**List of Witnesses examined before Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry in
Japan**

Sl. No.	Name	Address	Occupation
1.	Mr. Tadashi Ando	-	-
2.	Mr. Tadao Sakai	-	-
3.	Mr. Attur Said Jain	-	-
4.	Mr. K.V. Narain	-	-
5.	Mr. Koji Takamiya	-	-
6.	Mr. Watanabe	-	-
7.	Mr. Ahira Kyuru	-	-
8.	Mr. M.J. Patel	-	-
9.	Mr.D.C. Gupta	-	-
10.	Mr. Bhagwandas Mulkhraj Jhaveri	-	-
11.	Mr. Ram Singh Gulani	-	-
12.	Mr. Hans Raj	-	-
13.	Mr. Tatsuo Hayashida	6-55 Tanoku, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Tokyo	-
14.	Mr. J. Murti	-	-
15.	Mr. Tahashashi	-	-
16.	Mr. Shigetaka Sugiura	-	-
17.	Mr. Kenichi Sakai	-	-
18.	Mr. Suburo Isoda	-	-
19.	Mr. Yoshio Ishii (Dr.)	-	-
20.	Lt. Col. Masanari Shibnya	-	-
21.	Dr. Taneyashi Yoshimi (Doctor last attended Netaji)	7	7

**List of Witnesses examined before Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry in
Japan**

**(Either died in the same plane crash or later died, according to the Netaji
Academy in Japan)**

1.	Lt. Gen. Fujiwara (Died about 30 years ago)	-	-
2.	Mr. Negeshi (Died on 12.12.2000)	-	-
3.	Mr. Hachia (Died about 30 years ago)	-	-
4.	Col. Shiro Nonogaki (Died in the same plane crash with Netaji)		
5.	Mr. Taro Kono (Died in the same plane crash with Netaji)		
6.	Mr. Kuji Asada	-	-
7.	Mr. Morio Takakura (Died on 25.07.1998)	-	-

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No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/282 Calcutta, dated, the September 3, 2001

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

I am directed to invite a reference to your d.o. letter no. 225/4/NGO-Vol.IV dated 8.5.2001 regarding visit of the Commission to Japan and to say that during the proposed visit the Commission intends to record evidence of all relevant witnesses living in Japan and also to visit the Renkoji Temple.

As already intimated in the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/28 dated 17.4.2001, for the purposes of the work of the Commission during the visit to Japan the Commission will need the services of Stenographers, Interpreters having good command of both English and Japanese languages, Assistants and other supporting staff. As regards equipments, the Commission will need typewriters, tape recorders and stationery articles. The Indian Embassy in Japan may kindly be requested to make available to the Commission the aforesaid personnel and equipments.

Besides the personnel and equipments mentioned above, the Commission will need a suitable place for holding its hearings which will be open to/public. /the

As intimated in the above-quoted letter dated 17.04.01, the Commission proposes to hold the hearings in Japan in order to record the evidence of those of the witnesses examined before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and/or Khosla Commission of Inquiry, who are still living and likely to be available for the purpose and also of other competent local witnesses who may be interested in the hearings of the Commission and willing to depose before the Commission. For this purpose, it will be necessary to issue a Notice, both in English and Japanese languages, by the Commission in Japan for information of all concerned in Japan. In this respect also help of the Embassy in Tokyo will be necessary. The Commission will, of course, send a copy of the notice to the Indian Embassy in Japan for publication ahead of the visit of the Commission to Japan for publication of the same.

The file is under submission.

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I am directed to say that the Commission intends to visit Japan for the aforesaid purposes sometime in November 2001. All necessary formalities for the proposed visit are, therefore, to be completed as early as possible.

After hearing from you, the detailed programme of the visit will be sent.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,
P. S. Mukherjee

To
Narinder Chauhan (Smt.)
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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Fax Message

Date: September 19, 2001

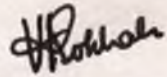
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To : India Taipei Association
Taipei (Fax No. 00-8862- 275 761 17)

Shri Ranjit Gupta Director General from Vijay Gokhale

You are aware that a one-man Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry has been set up under Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Justice Mukherjee has mentioned that some of the deponents before the Commission have, in their affidavits or sworn testimonies, asserted that documents containing clinching evidence relating to the points of inquiry may be in the possession of the Taiwanese authorities. (Netaji passed away in the Japanese Military Hospital in Taipei on 18 August 1945 after being involved in an air crash). The Inquiry Commission cannot achieve its objective unless it can explore all possible sources of evidence, both documentary and oral relating to the issues of the inquiry.

You are requested to take up this matter with the Taiwanese authorities, and to let us know whether records and documents, both open and otherwise, that may be available with them, could be made available to the Commission. This matter may please be given priority. Response may be sent to ITA Council.


(Vijay Gokhale)

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FOREIGN SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI-110 011

September 11, 2001

Dear H/Tar,

As you are aware, the Government of India has set up a Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to look into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In a letter to EAM, the Chairman of the Commission has mentioned that some of the deponents before the Commission have, in their affidavits and/or sworn testimonies, asserted that documents containing clinching evidence relating to the points of the inquiry are in the possession and/or under the control of the Governments of Japan, Taiwan and some other countries. The Inquiry Commission cannot achieve its objective unless it can explore all possible sources of evidence, both documentary and oral relating to the issues of the inquiry.

2. The Inquiry Commission has requested that the matter be taken up with the Government of Japan, who may be persuaded to make available to the Commission, all records and documents both open and classified, relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose which may be in their possession and/or under their control. Mission may also kindly request the Government of Japan to extend all help and facilities to the Commission to enable it to record evidence of witnesses, if any, available to Japan.

3. You are, therefore, requested to take this issue up at the appropriate level. An early response would be appreciated.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Chokila Iyer)

Shri Aftab Seth
Ambassador of India
TokyoPl send copy to
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated September 7, 2001

Dear Ambassador,

Please refer to your letter No. Tok/102/03/01 dated 11.5.2001 regarding proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

The Commission has now informed us that they would like to visit Japan sometime in November, 2001. It is observed that the normal duration of such visits does not exceed 30 days. They have further intimated that they will require the services of Stenographers, Interpreters having good command of both English and Japanese, Assistants and other supporting staff, and equipment like typewriters, tape recorders and stationery. Besides personnel and material, the Commission would also require a suitable place to conduct its hearings which will be open to the public.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that the Mission will be able to provide all the aforesaid requirements of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

with kind regards,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Aftab Seth,
Ambassador
Embassy of India
Tokyo

2001/09/24



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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
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Embassy of India
Tokyo

Copy for information to Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secy., Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087 w.r.t. their letter No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/282 dated 3.9.2001.

Repaid,

R Chauhan
(Smt.Narinder Chauhan)

2001/9/7



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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated September 7, 2001

Dear *Vikas,*

As you are aware, the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry investigating the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had visited London during July this year to study various records relevant to the points of inquiry. In the course of their visit, they came to learn that certain documents relating to Netaji are still classified and would remain so till 2021. At the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, a write-up on "British Records on Subhas Chandra Bose" which was handed over to the Commission indicates that some records have still not been released. A copy of this write up is enclosed for your ready reference.

The Commission now desires that appropriate authorities in UK may be approached to make available all these documents to enable their examination by the Commission.

I would be grateful if necessary action as desired by the Commission is taken by the Mission and the results communicated to us at the earliest.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt.Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Vikas Swarup
Counsellor(Pol)
High Commission of India,
London

Encl: as above

Mr. Swarup



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated September 7, 2001

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 25.5.2001 regarding documents available with the US Government and its agencies relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which are to be forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

I would be grateful to be informed of the progress in the matter at the earliest possible.

with personal regards, Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Alok Prasad,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India
Washington

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated September 7, 2001

Dear *Sh. Verma,*

Please refer to your letter No. MOS/POL/125/1/90 dated 2.7.2001 forwarding therewith documents in Russian received from the Russian Foreign Office relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The English translation of the aforesaid documents which were to be sent to us are still awaited. The Commission is pressing for these to be submitted to them.

I would be grateful if the translations are sent to us early to enable us forward them to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma
First Secretary(Pol)
Embassy of India
Moscow

Done
7/9

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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI(Part)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Reference: FR

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2. A thorough search in this Section has revealed that the desired document is not available here. We may, therefore, request JK Registry to check their records and confirm the presence or otherwise of the said document. In the meanwhile, we may send an interim reply to the Commission as per fair letter placed below.

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6/9/2001

This is being put up on a part file as the main file is under submission.

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

September 6, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/249 dated 7.8.2001 regarding submission of a true copy of the report allegedly submitted by this Ministry before the Khosla Commission and marked as Exhibit 29-I.

We have still not been able to lay our hands on the said report. However, we are making every effort to trace it in this Ministry and will revert to you shortly in this matter.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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श्री मनोज कुमार मुखर्जी, अध्यक्ष, मुखर्जी कमीशन जो नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के गुमराह होने के संबंध में जांच कर रहा द्वारा माननीय विदेश मंत्री जी को लिखा गया पत्र संलग्न है । इसमें न्यायाधीश मुखर्जी द्वारा यह निवेदन किया गया है कि अंग्रेजी, अमरीकी, जापानी, ताइवानी, रूसी एवं सोवियत संघ के पूर्व राष्ट्रों से सम्पर्क कर उन्हें मनाया जाए कि उनके पास उपलब्ध समस्त दस्तावेज एवं रिकार्ड जो नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस से संबंधित हैं जांच आयोग को उपलब्ध कराये ।

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Sd/-
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(वी. श्रीनिवास)
विदेश मंत्री के निजी सचिव
24 अगस्त, 2001

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प्रतिलिपि सभी को अलग से प्रेषित -

We may forward these papers to COW
Division since the
disappearance of Nehru
is dealt by them.

24/8/2001

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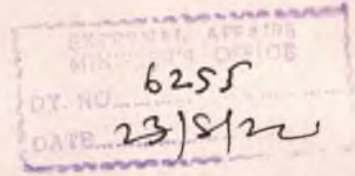
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Monoj Kumar Mukherjee
Chairman

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BY SPEED POST

D.O. NO. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/267

Calcutta, dated August 21, 2001

Examine & put dfa g. 24/8

Dear Jaswant Singh,

Apropos the Hon'ble Home Minister's telephonic talk with you on 13.08.2001 in my presence and the feedback I received from the Hon'ble Home Minister, I venture to write to you in the interest of the inquiry I am holding as the Chairman of the one-man Commission set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

You will appreciate that having regard to the fact that this inquiry is being held after a lapse of more than five decades since the alleged disappearance of Netaji in 1945, this Commission has to depend mainly upon documents available in India and other countries. Indeed, some of the deponents before the Commission have, in their affidavits and/or sworn testimonies, asserted that documents containing clinching evidence relating to the points of this inquiry are in the possession and/or under the control of the Governments of the U.K., the U.S.A., Russia and the other States forming the erstwhile U.S.S.R.

It is in that context that a team of the Commission headed by me had been to London to study 774 files declassified by the U.K. Government in 1997 and maintained in The British Library and also files/records relevant to the points of inquiry that might be available in other archives/libraries in and around London. In course of our visit to London, we have come to learn that certain files/records are still classified and those will remain closed till 2021. At the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, a write-up on "British Records on Subhas Chandra Bose" was given to us (copy enclosed). Para 3 of this write-up corroborates what we came to learn during our visit to London. It is expressly stated in the said para 3 that some papers in the British Records on Subhas Chandra Bose have still remained closed. It may be safely presumed that these documents contain relevant material for otherwise the same would not have been treated as classified even after the lapse of more than five decades. I, therefore, strongly feel

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that steps need be taken to make those documents available to this Commission in order to enable it to unravel the truth and solve for all time to come the mystery of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Further, materials before the Commission tend to lend at least some support to the contentions of the deponents that some relevant documents relating to the issues of the inquiry may be in the possession and/or under the control of the Government of the foreign countries like the U.S.A., Russia and the States which formed erstwhile U.S.S.R. In this connection, the letters Nos. Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56/503, 27 and 49 dated 6.2.2001, 17.4.2001 and 27.4.2001 respectively of this Commission to the Secretary of your Ministry may also kindly be referred to (A copy of each is enclosed). Besides the document/records, it may be necessary to examine witnesses, if available, in Japan, Formosa, Taiwan and Russia and the States which were within the erstwhile U.S.S.R.

The alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is an enigma shrouded in mystery. This Commission is making earnest endeavours to solve this mystery by unravelling the truth. This object cannot be achieved unless the Commission can explore all possible sources of evidence, both documentary and oral, relating to the issues of the present inquiry.

1 A May I, therefore, request you to kindly take up this matter with the Governments of the U.K., the U.S.A., Japan, Taiwan, Russia and the States which were within the erstwhile USSR and persuade them to make available to the Commission all records and documents, both open and classified, relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Basu which may be in their possession and/or under their control? They may be further requested to extend all help and facilities to the Commission to enable it to record evidence of witnesses, if any, available in their respective countries

With personal regards,

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

To
Sri Jaswant Singh
The Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi 110 001

BRITISH RECORDS ON SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

1. Virtually all British records relating to Subhas Chandra Bose, which are more than 30 years old, have been released at the Public Record Office and at the British Library.

/ 2. Public Record Office: See attached list for 1945-47.

/ 3. British Library: See attached note. This is a collection of 1913-1947 files of the Indian Political Intelligence organisation (IPI) in the series L/P & J/12 Public and Judicial Department (Separate). Released August 1997.

3. The only papers which remain closed are:

- a few papers in the files of the Intelligence and Security Agencies which do not add to the substantive account in the IPI Office collection. These Intelligence records are withheld from release with the approval of the Lord Chancellor, in accordance with Section 3(4) of the Public Records Acts;
- one paper from the IPI collection which is retained on grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

PAPERS IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE ON SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE
1945-1947

WO 203/515	Apl 1945	Japanese-Indian Forces Command: guide to activities
"	516 Aug 1945	Japanese-Indian Forces Command: supplementary guide to Indian National Army in Malaya
"	2298 Aug 1945	Malaya: disposal, status, brief history of Indian National Army
"	4673 Aug-Dec 1945	Indian National Army
WO 208/804A	Nov 42- Nov 45	Indian traitors, fifth columnists trained by Japanese: Indian Independent League: Indian National Army: survey of various organisations employed by Japanese for espionage, sabotage, propaganda: reports on activities: British counter measures
WO 208/3812	1942-7,	Subhas Chandra Bose: activities and death
FO 371/56774	1946	Indian-Soviet relations (N277/136/38: press article).

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REGISTERED MAIL

DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/503

6.2.2001

From : ~~Shri~~ P.K. Sengupta, ~~WHJS~~ (Retd.)
Secretary


To : The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sub : Access of the Commission to
peruse relevant documents
concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra
Bose/Indian National Army lying
in different Archives of the
Russian Union as also the Archive
within the residual territory
of the erstwhile U.S.S.R.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission to request you to kindly persuade the Government of Russian Union as also the Governments of the States which were previously within the remaining territorial limits of the erstwhile U.S.S.R. so that the archival documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/Indian National Army, if any, lying in their Archives as mentioned in the affidavit dated 08.06.2000 of Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy as also referred to by her in her deposition on oath/affirmation before the Commission on 22.12.2000 could be scrutinized by and/or on behalf of the Commission and certified photo-copies or micro-films/microfiches of the relevant documents could be taken by the Commission immediately. A list of the said Archives is attached herewith for your kind perusal and favour of taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclo : As stated above.

Names of Archives in the Soviet Union as also in the residual territory of erstwhile U.S.S.R. mentioned by Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy before the Commission :

1. State Archive of the Russian Federation
 2. Ministry of External Affairs
 3. Russian State Military Historical Archive
 4. Russian State Library manuscript department
 5. Russian Centre for conservation and study of Records for modern History
 6. Former NKGB-KGB present FSB archive
 7. President's archive
 8. Stalin's archive
 9. Archives of the Far East of Russian Federation
 10. Archives in Omsk
 11. Military archives of Russian Ministry of Defence at Paddolsk
 12. All the archives of St. Petersburg remained totally untouched.
 13. Archives in Irkhutsk
 14. Personal archive of E. Ya. Luisternik
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BY SPEED POST

DOC (FOR)/99-2000/56/27

17th April, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary "

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.


Sub : Access of the Commission to peruse
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Army lying in the different Archive
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Archives within the residual territo
of the erstwhile U.S.S.R.-----

P/No. 51587/483
Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the news item titled, "Netaji Panel should visit Russia" authored by the P.T. and published in the Statesman dated March 12, 2001, for your kind perusal. In this connection, I am directed to draw your kind attention to the proposal contained in the Commission's letter No. JMRI/DOC (FOR 99-2000/56/503 dated 06.02.2001 and to request you kindly to take all necessary effective steps as quickly as possible to enable the Commission to have access to the documents, if any, lying in the archives of the Russian Union as also in the Archives of the States which were previously within the erstwhile U.S.S.R. as requested in the aforesaid letter dated 06.02.2001 of the Commission and suggested in the ^{said} news item published in the Statesman dated 12.03.2001.

Enclosure: One.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
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Phone:

Chairman -- 252-2835
Secretary -- 252-2767
Officer on
Special Duty -- 252-2765
Office -- 252-2766/68

No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56/49

Calcutta, dated the 27th April 2001

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

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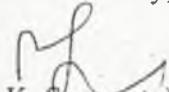
To
The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India,
South Block
New Delhi 110 001

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the article titled "Did Netaji die in an Aircrash in 1945?" authored by one Sri R.C. Batura which appears to have been published in the Organiser, a periodical pertaining to the week ending on February 5, 1995 and to request you to kindly take up with the Government of the U.S.A. the matter of making available to the Commission all declassified documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA in possession of the U.S. Government including the declassified CIA documents and McArthur papers on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA for scrutiny by or on behalf of the Commission. The importance of these documents for the purposes of the inquiry of the Commission may be impressed upon the U.S. Government so that the Commission is not only given access to the documents for scrutiny but also provided with Micro films/Micro Fiche of such of those documents as may, on scrutiny, be found relevant for the purposes of the inquiry.

I am further directed to request you to kindly obtain the present postal address, Fax number and e-mail number of the Friends of Indian Society in the U.S.A. through the good office of the Indian Embassy in the U.S.A. and communicate the same to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: As stated above

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Secretary - 252-2767
Officer on Special Duty - 252-2765
Office - 252-2765/2768

No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/282 Calcutta, dated, the September 3, 2001

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

I am directed to invite a reference to your d.o. letter no. 225/4/NGO-Vol.IV dated 8.5.2001 regarding visit of the Commission to Japan and to say that during the proposed visit the Commission intends to record evidence of all relevant witnesses living in Japan and also to visit the Renkoji Temple.

As already intimated in the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/28 dated 17.4.2001, for the purposes of the work of the Commission during the visit to Japan the Commission will need the services of Stenographers, Interpreters having good command of both English and Japanese languages, Assistants and other supporting staff. As regards equipments, the Commission will need typewriters, tape recorders and stationery articles. The Indian Embassy in Japan may kindly be requested to make available to the Commission the aforesaid personnel and equipments.

Besides the personnel and equipments mentioned above, the Commission will need a suitable place for holding its hearings which will be open to/public. /the

As intimated in the above-quoted letter dated 17.04.01, the Commission proposes to hold the hearing in Japan in order to record the evidence of those of the witnesses examined before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and/or Khosla Commission of Inquiry, who are still living and likely to be available for the purpose and also of other competent local witnesses who may be interested in the hearings of the Commission and willing to depose before the Commission. For this purpose, it will be necessary to issue a Notice, both in English and Japanese languages, by the Commission in Japan for information of all concerned in Japan. In this respect also help of the Embassy in Tokyo will be necessary. The Commission will, of course, send a copy of the notice to the Indian Embassy in Japan for publication ahead of the visit of the Commission to Japan for publication of the same.

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Please discuss.

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duration?
I am directed to say that the Commission intends to visit Japan for the aforesaid purposes sometime in November 2001. All necessary formalities for the proposed visit are, therefore, to be completed as early as possible.

After hearing from you, the detailed programme of the visit will be sent.

With Warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,
P. S. Chandra

To
Narinder Chauhan (Smt.)
Director (CNV)
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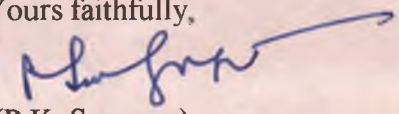
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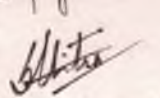
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated July 5, 2001 of the Director (CNV) of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and to request you to kindly arrange to locate further records of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and send them to the Commission expeditiously.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

We are on the job.
Need we send an
interim reply or remind EA Division?

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August, 20, 2001

Dear Madam,

Re. : Your Letter No. 1/12014/10/2001-IS (D.III)
dated 4th July, 2001.

- And -

Written advice including written advice on
evidence in respect of averments/contention/
allegations of the deponent, Dr. Madhusudan
Pal (deponent No. 14) in his Affidavit dated
17th February, 2000, and, supplementary
Affidavit dated 6th June, 2000.

1. The Case of the aforesaid Deponent No. 14, Dr. Madhusudan
Pal, is as follows :-

- a) That there is no proof of alleged plane crash and
alleged death of the Netaji.
- b) With the good relation between Provisional Government
of India and Moscow, the Netaji had a definite plan to
escape to Moscow.
- c) The British tried their best to findout the Netaji
in Moscow.

2. The story of alleged plane crash is not believeable in
view of discripancies as following :

- a) With the evidence of Winston Churchill in his "The Second
World War" (Edn. 1989, P 942) that the Emperor of Japan
Hirohito declared on 15th August, 1945, surrender of Japan
over Radio - the facts recorded in file No. 249/INA are
physically impossible in time sequences for six flights
between 16.30 hours on 17th August, 1945 and 14 hours on

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on 18th August, 1945 from Singapore to Taihoku/Tokyo giving radio talk on 13th August, 1945 (two days after Japan's surrender) from Singapore radio (as per file No. 138/INA) by the Netaji.

- b) Defeated Japanese Govt. can not have the Netaji's movement as per its plan and to consult surrender (while the Netaji never expressed plan of surrender).
- c) As per monitoring service of All India Radio, Simla, the Netaji delivered live speech broadcast at 21.25 hrs. on 18th August, 1945 from Singapore after his declaration of cease fire on this day and the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Attlee declaring this day that Indian leaders agreed to hand over the Netaji to the British if he is apprehended, and the order dated 26th August, 1945 by the Supreme Command of the Ajad Hind Government, *death news of the Netaji is not proved.*
- d) From Files Nos. 249/INA, 75/INA (Page 3/69) and 273/INA, it is clear that the Netaji had definite plan to go to Russia.
- e) Profused discrepancies and contradictions in the evidences as to treatment and issuance of death certificate of the Netaji and his companion pilot - by Dr. Tsuruta, Dr. Yoshimi, Dr. Ishil, Dr. Toyoshi and General Habib-ur-Rahaman.
- f) There is no record as to burn-injury, treatment and death of the Netaji, and of landing and taking off of the Netaji's alleged plane with passengers' list at Taihoku and crash there of there (along with treatment of others).
- g) No Nuclear DNA test or Mitochondrial X DNA test of "Netaji's Ash" is possible except any cellular substance or bone.

3. The deponent's allegations against the Govt. of India are as follows :

- a) Many documents and files relating to the Netaji and INA remaining in the offices of the Prime Minister Of India (PMO), Ministries of Home Affairs and Defence and in different Archives of West Bengal, *have not been disclosed.*
- b) Many documents had been taken away by the Britishers.
- c) Many documents have been destroyed by the Govt. of India after 1947.

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- d) After declassification of 10% files remaining 9000 files of the Ministry of Defence at Red Fort are kept classified.
- e) Proofs prompting Shri Pranab Kumar Mukherjeem the then Minister of External Affairs, Govt. of India, to bring "Netaji's Ash" from Renkoji and those leading the decision to confer "posthumous Bharat Ratna" on the Netaji have not been disclosed.

4. The deponent has questioned and/or called for the following:-

- a) Steps by the Govt. of India for disclosing 45 (forty-five) files relating to the Netaji and INA as remaining with the Royal Indian Navy (as informed by Shri Promode Mehra, Deputy Director, National Archives of India, on 20th March, 1999 in a seminar on "INA Documents" at Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, Calcutta).
- b) Steps by the Govt. of India for obtaining several files and documents in Swedish language remaining with the Govt. of Sweden.
- c) The present whereabouts (for the purpose of citing as Witness as to classification of relevant documents) of Shri Ajit Kumar, Ex-Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India.
- d) Placement of Volumes V, VI, XII of Transfer of Power - prepared by the Govt. of U.K.
- e) Replies to the Deponent's letters, (i) dated 20th April, 2000 and 5th May, 2000 to Dr. V.K. Kasyap, Assistant Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory, 30, Gorachand Road, Calcutta - 700 014 (as to DNA test modalities), (ii) dated 7th April, 2000, to Shri George Ferrandes, Ex-Defence Minister, Govt. of India (as to documents relating to the Netaji and INA), (iii) dated 7th April, 2000 to Dr. S. Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India (as to release of unpublished Archival documents), and, (iv) dated 7th April, 2000 to Sri Promode Mehra, Deputy Director, National Archives of India (as to INA documents).

5. The Deponent has referred to/relied on and/or called for the following documents :-

- 1) Files Nos. 138/INA, 249/INA and 273/INA in National Archives of India/Ministry of Defence.

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ii) Records of Radio Speeches by the Netaji (by Monitoring Service of the All India Radio), Volume, 2, (now in The National Archives of India).

iii) Proceedings of Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry (under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India).

iv) Proceedings of Netaji Inquiry Committee, 1956 (Shah Nawaz Khan Committee) (Ministry of Defence).

v) Report of J.G. Figges (containing statements of Dr. Tsuruta Yoshi and Col. Habib-ur-Rahaman).

vi) Books and Notes :-

- a) The Second World War by Winston Churchill, abridged edition, 1990,
- b) Practice of Surgery by Baily & Love (Chapter 9 on Respiratory Tract Burn),
- c) Forensic Medicine and Toxicology by Dr. K.S. Narayan Reddy, 6th Edn. 1989 (Chapters on Aircraft injuries, and Burn).
- d) The Mystery of disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, published by Lokmat Prakashani, Calcutta.
- e) Handout note (six pages) by Shri Pramode Mehra, Deputy Director, National Archives of India referring to 51 INA files (Annexure-2 to the Supplementary Affidavit by the deponent).
- f) Macmillan Dictionary of the 2nd World War, by Elizabeth, Anne Wheal and Stephen Pope 2nd Edn, 1997,

vii) Letters :-

- a) Dated March, 1, 1999 under No. DCCMB/17/99, and May 1, 2000 under No. DCCMB/17/2K and May, 9, 2000 under No. DCCMB/17/2k by Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Centre For Cellular And Molecular Biology, Uppal Road, Hyderabad-500 007 to the Deponent.

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- b) Dated January, 7, 1997 under F. No. 9-10/96-R.III, and dated July, 9, 1998 under D.O. No. 9(2) 12/98 P.A. by Dr. S. Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India, Govt. of India to the Deponent.
- c) Dated May 1, 1998 under D.O. No. 9(2) 12/98 P.A. by Sri S.M.R. Baqar, Deputy Director, National Archives, Govt. of India.
- d) By the deponent :
- i) Dated April, 7, 1998 ; June 3, 1998 and April, 7 2000 to Dr. S. Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India,
 - ii) Dated April, 7, 2000 to Sri Promode Mehra, Deputy Director, National Archives of India.
 - iii) Dated May, 5, 2000 to Dr. Lalji Singh, Centre For Cellular and Molecular Biology,
 - iv) Dated April, 20, 2000 and May, 5, 2000 to Dr. V.K. Kashyap, Assistant Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory, 30, Gorachand Road, Calcutta-700 014, and
 - v) Dated April, 7, 2000 to Sri George Fernandes, Ex-Defence Minister, Govt. of India.

6. In view of above you are to reply on the allegations and matters enumerated in the foregoing Paragraphs Nos. 2, 3 and 4 along with statements particularly on the availability of the documents/files/records as enumerated in the foregoing Paragraph No. 5 and on the item No. (vii) of the foregoing Paragraph No. 6, with Affidavit. Draft Affidavit may be sent to me.

7. The subject of this opinion - copies of Affidavit and Supplementary Affidavit of Dr. Madhusudan Pal are sent herewith with request to return the copies of Affidavits to me as the same will be required at the time of hearings of the Hon'ble Commission recording evidences as well as for preparing argument.

Kindly arrange to send the said copies of Affidavits to me as early as possible.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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to comment and reply on the items Nos. (a) to (e) ^{except (a)} of foregoing Paragraph No. 3, and items Nos. (a) and (b) of foregoing Paragraph No. 4, and other foregoing relevant matters to file Affidavit before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission.
Draft may be sent to me. ^{cf. item No. (iv) + (v) of Paragraph No. 5.}
 2. Sri Falguni Raj Kumar, Joint Secretary, (Trg.) & CAO, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-110 001 -
to comment and reply on items Nos. (a) to (d) of foregoing Paragraph No. 3, items Nos. (a) and (c) of foregoing Paragraph No. 4 and items No. (i), (ii), (v), (vii), (d) (V) of foregoing Paragraph No. 5 and other relevant matters to file Affidavit before the Hon'ble Commission (draft may be sent to me).
 3. Dr. S. Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India, Govt. of India, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001, -
to comment and reply on foregoing paragraph No. 2, items No. (a) (b) and (d) of foregoing Paragraph No. 3 ; ^{item (a), (d), e (iii), (iv) of Paragraph No. 4} items No. (i) to (v), (vi) (e) and (f) ^{vii (b), (c) & (d)} of foregoing paragraph No. 5 and other relevant matters to file Affidavit before the Hon'ble Commission (draft may be sent to me).

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North Block,
New Delhi - 110 001.

August, 26, 2001

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Dear Madam,

Re. : Your Letter No. 1/12014/10/2001-IS(D.III)
dated 4th July, 2001.

- And -

Written opinion including written opinion
on evidence as to averments/contentions/
allegations made in the Affidavit dated
& 31st January, 2000 by Sri Bijan Ghosh,
the deponent No. 19 before the Hon'ble
Justice Mukherjee Commission.

The case of the abovementioned deponent is as
follows :-

a) That no useful and effective purpose can be had out of
the present Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry if the
documents/records classified are not produced before the
Hon'ble Commission, particularly, the leading decision
of the Government of India in 1992 for conferring "Posthumous
Bharat Ratna" upon the Netaji.

b) In view of the stand of the Govt. of India taken in Writ
Petition No. 11195(W) of 1999 (Bijan Ghosh - vs - Union of
India and others) in the High Court at Calcutta, to the effect
that the Govt. of India will "render all assistance to the
Commission set up for enquiry as regards the whereabouts of
Netaji" as recorded in the order dated 1st December, 1999
passed by the Hon'ble Justice Satya Brata Sinha, the Acting
Chief Justice (as His Lordship then was) and the Hon'ble
Justice M.H.S. Ansari, the Govt. of India, through bound,
has not produced (on declassifying) documents/files -

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particularly the 9000 files pertaining to Netaji and INA (those are remaining in the Red Fort under the Ministry of Defence) after declassifying and sending about 1000 files to the National Archives of India before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission.

c) The Govt. of India has also not produced "some further contemporary official documentary records" relying on which the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India informed on 28th August, 1978 the Parliament that doubts and contradictions cropped up and as such the reports of Shah Nawaz Committee and Justice Khosla Commission were declared not decisive,

d) The Late Morarji Desai, Ex-Prime Minister of India (except whom - even ^{any} M.P. was allowed) examined the boxes/diplomatic cambis bags full of gold ornaments and Jewellaries (of the Ajad Hind Government) as were kept in National Museum after it were brought from one's personal custody where the same were collected from the spot of the alleged plane crash killing the Netaji (on 18th August, 1945). Those articles should be ordered to produce before the Hon'ble Commission along with demand for accounts as to the money and treasure of the lawful Ajad Hind Government Bank.

e) The Netaji, being a War Criminal, is not a citizen of India as per Part II of the Constitution of India, and to face this the records as to declaring such War Criminal be produced, and the Netaji being a War Criminal of "International" category, the working of the present Justice Mukherjee Commission to know this whereabouts, is impossible, although the Hon'ble Orissa High Court Ordered on 23rd October, 1998 directing the Govt. of India to take all steps to remove the name of the Netaji from the War Criminal list.

f) Voluminous documents in possession of the State Archives of West Bengal and other States should be ordered to produce before the Hon'ble Commission.

g) Classified documents pertaining to the Netaji and INA in U.K., U.S.A., Russia, Vietnam, Mongolia, Taiwan, Germany, Italy and China should be ordered to collect.

h) Full text of Volumes VI and VII of Transfer Of Power should be ordered to be produced.

i) The total proceedings of Red Fort INA Trial, Shah Nawaz Committee and Justice Khosla Commission should be produced.

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2. As the points raised by the deponent are mainly as to documents/files/records with some aspects of facts which are clear in itself and you are required to comment in your Affidavit as to availability, non-availability with reason and producing of the available records except which have already been produced before the Hon'ble Commission, and to state as to the facts relating to classification of the records as alleged, particularly in respect of 9000 files in the Ministry of Defence. Draft Affidavit may be sent to me. The Affidavit of Sri Bijan Ghosh is sent back to you herewith, with request to send copy of said Affidavit to me for the purpose of subsequent evidence and argument.

3. However you are to comment on sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (e) to (i) of foregoing first Paragraph.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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1. Smt. Archana Ranjan, Director, P.M.O., South Block, New Delhi - 110001 - for comment and affirm due Affidavit to be filed before the Hon'ble Commission on sub-paragraphs (a) and (c) to (e) of foregoing first Paragraph.
2. ~~Shri~~ Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi - 110001 - for comment and affirm due Affidavit to be filed before the Hon'ble Commission on sub-Paragraphs (e), (g) and (i) of the foregoing first Paragraph.
3. Dr. S. Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India to comment and file Affidavit on the matters in all the items (a) to (i) of the foregoing 1st paragraph as may be relevant.

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a) Dated 28th January, 2000 (at places referred to as of 28th February, 2000) by i) Nirmal Sinha, ii) Satyabrata Tapadar, iii) Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta, and iv) Jayanta Chowdhuri being Deponents Nos. 3(a), (b), (c) and (d); and,

b) Dated 11th April, 2000 by the same four deponents as in (a) above; and

c) Dated 19th January, 2001 by (i) Satyabrata Tapadar, and, (ii) Subhas Ranjan Dasgupta being Deponents Nos. 3(b) and (c).

The case of the abovementioned deponents Nos. 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) is as follows :-

- I. That the Netaji did not die on 18th August, 1945 in the alleged plane crash at Taihoku (Taipei) airfield.
- II. The Netaji was traced in Yen-an (Capital of China at that time) meeting Mao-Tse-Tung on 28th August, 1945,
- III. That the live trace of the Netaji is found upto 1964.
- IV. That the British through their Indian minions had the

Netaji's death declared in Shah Nawaz Committee's report and in the report of the Justice Khosla Commission as alive Netaji was a threat.

2. The deponent referred to the following back grounds in favour of their case :

- (a) Britain, France and Germany had to take a loan of twenty thousand crores pound from the USA.
- (b) Russian Communist Party was of the view that National Liberations could not be achieved without "Unaided arms".
- (c) During the Second World Ward seventy five Nobel Laureates submitted a Memorandum to the President of the USA demanding independence of India without partition.
- (d) Although the Deshabandhu was of the view that the Swaraj should emerge from within and the Indian Independence Flag could be hoisted in Germany by Madam Cama with Salute to it by Lenin during Second International.

- (e) In the meantime Raja Mahendra Pratap established on 24th March, 1915 at Kabul the first provisional Govt. of India as President with Barkatullah, Prime Minister, helped by Lenin.
- (f) Slogan for Liberation of Asia was raised in 1922 by the Deshabandhu, Barindra Nath Ghosh, Krishna Bama and Madam Cama and Raja Mahendra Pratap spread his army in the neighbouring countries of Asia which took shape of Asia Liberation Army on 21st October, 1933, of which Tokyo Centre was opened in 1934. Madam Cama was heading the Asian Liberation Committee, the responsibility of which was handed over by her before her death unto the Netaji in 1936 at Bombay. then the Netaji and Mahendra Pratap Singh set up International Committee for Asia.
- (g) On 30th April, 1936 the British Government announced in the British Parliament to detain the Netaji so long required for public interest.
- (h) On 4th February, 1943, the Netaji Launched armed struggle. In 24th June, 1945 radio broadcast, the Netaji vowed to continue that armed struggle with stress for Indian Independence.

- (i) Japan occupied 35 lakhs square miles of the main land of Asia and more than one crore of people were slaughtered and administered other atrocities. The Netaji led anti-Japanese Army consists of immigrant Indians, Chinese and Malayalese. This very anti-Japanese army defeated Japan.
- j) The U.S.A. without agreeing to help the British army in Asia started capturing the consumer markets there. In retaliation the British announced that the Netaji died on 24th March, 1942 in a plane crash on his way to Tokyo. The Netaji countered from Azad Hind Radio. Govt. of India also did not accept that death news (As the death news of the Netaji was again declared dead in 1943 by the Japanese Military Authority to divert the World on the eve of formation of the INA).
- k) On 25th August, 1945 in the Liberation Day Celebration of Indo-China the Netaji was present at Saigon, with Ho-Chi-minh.
- l) The I.N.A. Government was also running smoothly after 18th August, 1945. On 12th September, 1945 the Netaji relied anti-Imperialist forces at Kulalumpur

and the anti-Japanese army under the Netaji liberated that 35 lakhs square miles land from Japan.

- m) The Allied Powers asked the Netaji to surrender his Anti-Japanese Army (United Democratic Army - UDA) which was not obliged by the Netaji, rather 30,000 Japanese soldiers joined with the Netaji, for which the Allied Powers became unhappy with the Netaji - and though De Gaulle was recognised by the U.N.O., the INA Government was not given recognition.
- n) On 24th June, 1945 the Netaji gave call to rise to free colonies from imperialists. On 26th June, 1955 the UNO adopted its Charter according to which the Netaji was considered War Criminal. Although the Allied Powers helped and supported many nationalist movements and governments resulting therefrom (since American War of Independence to Czech Revolution and Chinese Revolution) and with the authority of the U.N.O. continued launching anti-fascist war, the Netaji emancipating people of Asia from the Japanese Yoke is being listed as "War Criminal".

- o) Quoting from the report of the Office of Strategic Service, Government of U.S.A. in File No. RA 2702A dated 22.10.1944 that Netaji was not a stranger in Socio - Politico life of Formosan people with Taipei as their capital having many Newspapers and Broad Casting Stations - keeping quiet on the Netaji's death on 18th August, 1945 which is unbelievable. Government Archives should be consulted in this regard particularly with reference to eight New items (out of which two mentioned of such death at Taihoku and others at Japan and that of the Garrison Army only mentioned of Formosa incident) and certificates of death and cremation.
- p) The Netaji, sympathetic to Chung-King in 1937-38, did not come to Japan so long she was an ally of the British. By 7.12.1942 Japan conquered 33, 82, 600 square miles of Asian main land and unleashed inhuman atrocities in the said conquered lands, the Netaji and the INA (formed in June - July, 1943 by the Netaji) could not approve it. the Japanese also did not give fire arms to the INA Soldiers. The Subhas Brigade of the INA killed 10,000 Japanese Army. After March, 1945 relation between Japan and the Netaji deteriorated. Leaving Burma, Japan made new

expansion on 9.3.1945 in Indo-China, and the Netaji with his United Democratic Army (Composed of emigrant Indian, Chinese and Malayan armies) launched Anti-Japanese struggle.

The Netaji's request to permit his Government and one part of the INA to move to Japan was refused by Japan. However the death news by such Japanese authority is not believable.

q) : Active role of the Netaji and his UDA in defeating the Anglo-French army in Dien Bien Phu and ultimate win of the Vietnamese. The Netaji continued his anti-imperialist war from Herbin after 18-8-1945. The UDA was formed on 1-1-1946. After Azad Hind Government, Cabinet Meeting on 26-8-1945, the Netaji proceeded to Yenan, met Mao-Tse-Tung on 28-8-1945.

r) The British Policy was to catch hold of the Netaji with a view to tackle "most difficult question:-

i) The British had to back to their island from Asia, ii) Hurdle of the British in effecting partition of India in several fragments. The

British was in mood to avenge against the Netaji.

- s) So, to divert the threat of alive Netaji to the British hired minion in power in India by creating an imposter Netaji - the Netaji was declared dead through a vowed Minister of Govt. of India, Shah Nawaz Khan and by forcing Justice Khosla to follow him.

3. The deponents referred to and relied on the following documents :-

- ✓ i) Press Note of death news of the Netaji on 18-8-1945 (Annexure - I to 3 to Affidavit dated 28-1-2000).
- ii) (a) Indian parliamentary Debates, Vol. 1, 5352 at pages : 91 to 93 as to death certificate and cremation certificate on the Netaji's death on 18-8-1945 (vide Annexures - 4 & 5, ibidem and cf. with Annexure-6 thereto, and, the SLP No.(c) 62 of 1994 in the Supreme Court of India, ibid.)
- (b) Do Debates Fifth Session 1952, page : 103, Annexure - 21.

- ✓ iii) Speech of the Netaji as delivered on 18-8-1945 at IST 19-30 hours (21-15-25 Singapore Time) delivered through Malaysian National Radio Transmission Centre recorded by Govt. of India under Code No. M.L.Khosla Sl. No.9360(146) available with the National Archives of India, (2nd volume of typed documents of I & E Ministry), (Vide Annexure 7, ibid), which has been reproduced as speech of "16-8-1945" in selected speeches of Subhas Chandra Publication Division, Ministry of I & B, Govt. of India, (vide Annexure - 8 ibid).
- iv) Book titled "Gallant End of Netaji by Harin Shah."
- ✓ v) Declaration dated 7-8-1945 of Potsdam Conference at Teheran.
- ✓ vi) Memo of the State Department of the U.S.A. under No.14.11.236 of July, 1946 (referring to communication to American Consulate General, Bombay, India airgrams 274 dated 23rd May, 1946 (vide Annexure - 10 ibid).
- ✓ vii) Information Bureau States Department, Government of U.S.A., OSS, Research and Analytical Bureau,

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File No.RA 2702A (vide Annexure - II ibid) and Annexure F to Affidavit dated 11-4-2000).

- ✓ viii) Telegraph issued by British Army H.Q. on 22-1-1946 from New Delhi to Jhikargancha Camp (vide Annexure 12, ibid.)
- ✓ ix) Proceeding of INA Trial and Sir Clande Achinlek's statements available in India Information, Civil & Military Gazette, Lahore, 1946, March 1 to 15 (vide Annexure - 13, ibid).
- ✓ x) Speeches of Netaji on 24th and 25th June, 1945, And, Selected Speeches of Subhyas Chandra Bose, published by Publication Division, 1 & B Ministry, Govt. of India.
- xi) Book titled "Many reasons why America is involved in Vietnam War" - by Charlton Michael, Scolar Press, BBC (vide Annexure - 14, ibid.)
- ✓ xii) Letter from State Department, Govt. of the U.S.A., Washington, D.C. dated 20th February, 1964 to American Consulate in India (Vide Annexure 15, ibid).

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- ✓ xiii) The Atlantic Charter dated 14th August, 1941.
- ✓ xiv) Telegraph Records of the Second World War (page - 80) (vide Annexure - 16 ibid.).
- ✓ xv) Letter of Harin Shah (vide Annexure - A to Affidavit dated 11th April, 2000).
- ✓ xvi) File No.RA 2702A dated 22-10-1944 of the Office of Strategic Service (OSS) of the Government of U.S.).
- ✓ xvii) Death News of the Netaji Published in India (vide Annexure - B, ibid).
- ✓ xviii) Selected Writing of General Van Nguyen Giap, Edited by Russel Staffar.
- ✓ xix) Historical Defence Archives of the U.S.S.R.
- xx) Book titled, "The Far East in the Second World War" by a.M. Dubinsky.
- xxi) Book, "An outline History of International relation and National Liberation struggle in East and South East" - Academy of Sciences, Institute of the Far

East, USSR.

- ✓ xxii) Extracts from short wave Radio, Tokyo and affiliated Stations from December, 1941 to 1st September - 1944 - compiled by Research and Analysis Branch, Office of Strategic Service, Govt. of USA, Honolulu during 20.10.1944 to November, 1944. (Particularly Page 56 (No.58570) Tokyo English dated 7.8.1943).
- xxiii) The Second World War by W.S. Churchill; (Page 183).
- xxiv) INA files in National Archives of India (Vide annexures 'C' and 'E' ibid).
- xxv) INA file No.63/2/34/GSI(b) SACSIA, Commission No.1 dated 6.11.1945 (vide Annexure 'D', ibid).
- xxvi) Transfer of Power, Volume No.VI.
- xxvii) Archival documents of the USSR and Manchuria Revolutionary Base (Moscow).
- ✓ xxviii) File "H.D.Dy. 1279/47-Poll(I) dated 6.2.1947 (File No.8.2.47)" lying with the National Archives of India

(Vide Annexure 'I' ibid).

xxix) Book, "The Onslaught of Japan".

✓ xxx) National Republic _____ February, 1954 Issue of the Monthly magazine of Fundamental Americanism.

✓ xxxi) Act XL III of 1947 dated 20.12.1947 - United Nations (Security Council) Act, 1947 (Vide Annexure 'A-1' to Affidavit dated 19.1.2001).

xxxii) Book titled, "Subhas Chandra Bose" - bny Nanda Mukherjee - (Vide Annexure B-2, ibid. ef, with page No.262 of Transfer of Power Vol. VI, Page No.262).

✓ xxxiii) Booklet, "The making of Modern malaysia and Singapore, by Oxford University Education Services.

xxxiv) Book, "Mission with Mountaatten" - by Allan C. Junction.

xxxv) History of INA and UDA (and Booklet on what happened to Netaji after 18.8.1945 by Netaji Study Mission as annexed with the Affidavit).

4. In my considered opinion, the Govt. of India has nothing to deny or accept any statement / allegation made in the Affidavits under consideration - as this present Government - the independent one) had or has nothing to do with such facts. But this Govt. is to submit its Affidavit as to the existence, availability and non-availability (with redasons) of documents mentioned in the foregoing paragraph No.3 and to produce the same as may be found before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission with Affidavit.
5. The abovementioned three Affidavits by Nirmal Sinha and others are sent herewith. Please return all Affidavits or copies thereof along with your instructions hereinafter, to me - as the same are required at the time of evidence as well as arguments.
6. Apart from above, kindly instruct on the availability of the following documents for the purpose of conducting hearing before the Hon'ble Commission;
 - a) World Political Atlas - present and during IInd World War (big size).
 - b) Military Atlas of Asia with reference to movements of armies in East, South East and Far East, during

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IIInd World War and after with particular reference to movements of INa and UDA.

- c) Transfer of power, Volumes, VI and XII.
- d) Items Nos. (i), (ii), (iv), (xi), (xiv), (xv), (xvii), (xviii), (xx), (xxi), (xxiii), (xxvi), (xxix) and (xxxii) to (xxxiv) of the foregoing paragraph No.3.
- e) Parliament Papers as to the Netaji's Status as war Criminal.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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Copy to (By Regd. Post with A/D) :

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Shri Jayant Prasad,

Joint Secretary,

Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block,

New Delhi - 110 001 - to comment with specific statements

as to the documents referred to in items Nos. (i), (iii), (v)

to (x), (xii) to (xviii), (xix), (xxii) to (xxviii), (xxx), (xxxi) and (xxxiii) of, foregoing Paragraph No.3 for the purpose of Affidavit stating as to and filing the said documents as available with the said Affidavit, before the Hon'ble Commission. He is specifically requested to send Parliamentary papers regarding the Netaji's status as War Criminal.

2. Shri Falguni Raj Kumar, Joint Secretary (Trg.) & CAO, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, South Block New Delhi. 110 001, to comment with specific statements as to the documents mentioned in items Nos. (i) to (iii), (v) to (x), (xii) to (xvii), (xix), (xxii), (xxiv), (xxv), (xxvii) to (xxviii) and (xxxv) of the foregoing paragraph No.3 for the purpose of filing Affidavit before the Hon'ble Commission stating availability, non-availability with reasons of the said documents and to file the same as available with such Affidavit.
3. The Director General, National Archives of India, Govt. of India, Janpath, 110 001 - to comment with Specific Statements as to the documents mentioned in items Nos. (i) to (iii), (v) to (x), (xii) to (xvii), (xxii), (xxiv), (xxv), (xxviii) to (xxx_) and (xxxv) of the foregoing paragraph No.3 for the purpose of filing affidavit before the Hon'ble Commission stating

availability, non-availability with reason of the said documents and to file the same as available with such Affidavit.

4. The Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broad Casting, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prosad Marg, New Delhi - 110 001 - to comment with specific statements as to the documents mentioned in items Nos. (iii), (x) and (xxii) of the foregoing paragraph No.3 for the purpose of filing affidavit before the Hon'ble Commission stating availability, non-availability with reasons of the said documents and to file the same as available with such Affidavit.

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/249 Calcutta, dated, the 7th August, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

U.S. (Cons. Secy. 10/1)

I am directed to refer to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/106 dated May 28, 2001 sent by Registered Post with A/D. which is reported to have been received by your Office on June 6, 2001. As no response to the said letter of the Commission has yet been received from your end, I am directed to request you to send, within six weeks from the date of receipt of this letter, a true copy of the report of the Government of India in the Foreign Ministry allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission and marked as Exhibit 29-I which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department on a Secret Japanese Message allegedly intercepted by the Chinese advising Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be separated from his fellow travellers at the time of his journey from Burma in an air-craft.

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Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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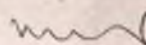
Shri Jayant Prasad
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Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next hearing of the Commission will be held on August 22, 2001 (Wednesday) at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon in the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta 700 007 when the Commission, besides transacting other business, may examine the following witnesses :

1. Shri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee
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(former Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. Of India)
Finance Secretary, Govt. Of West Bengal, Writers Bldgs., Kolkata 700 001
3. Prof. Aloke Roy
Editor, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Commemoration Volume, Scottish Church College,
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4. Shri Santanu Banerjee,
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August 1, 2001.

To
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Dear Madam,

Re: Written advice including advice on evidence in
respect of Averments/Contentions/Allegations of
the deponent Sri Usha Ranjan Bhattacharjee in
his Affidavit dated 5th March, 2000 concerning
Govt. of India.

A N D

Your letter No. 1/12014/10/2001-IS(D.III)
dated 4th July, 2001.

With the voluminous Affidavit, failing to cope with your
request, I, amidst ~~hurry~~ making myself ready for hearings of the
Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission at Faizabad, may put the
above advice on the said Affidavit as follows :-

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on page 10 and process.

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1.. The case of the said Deponent is as follows :-

(a) That the Netaji was apprehended on 13th August, 1945 at Singapore by CSDIC (Combined Services Detailed Intelligence (Interrogation) Centre- Intelligence Centres of the British (under MI-3 of the British Government) in Eastern/Far Eastern Front) people under the machination of their agents in the Indian National Army (INA) Azad Hind Fauz, in particular S.A. Ayer and General Kiwani with some other sides in the INA.

(b) That the Netaji along with Habib-ur-Rahman was forcibly placed in a CSIDC requisitioned conquered Japanese Bomber aircraft along with Japanese Pilot Wono Gaki and Japanese Crew members with Tommy soldiers as guards and the air craft left Singapore on the 14th August, 1945 at 09.00 hours.

(c) That the said aircraft flew via Rangoon and entered the British Indian Territory and touched-down for refuelling at Indian airports at Salutikor, Rupsi, Patna and arrived at Delhi airport just at sun set (at about 18.10 hours) at a remote corner of the aerodrome (which was under military control and civilian aircraft had no role) under tight security.

(d) That the Netaji and Habib-ur-Rahman were taken out of the said Bomber and were placed in a closed Military Police van, and were taken to Red Fort.

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(e) That the Red Fort was converted as JNA Prisoners' Concentration Camp since 1943 (many barracks in Red Fort were constructed hurriedly at that time) with the JNA people arrested in India when they came to India to inform the people of India of the JNA and gradually with other JNA Prisoners, by June, 1945 there were over twenty-five thousand JNA soldiers in captivity in Red Fort under so strictest possible security that no Indian could even guess of JNA soldiers' captivity there but Gandhiji and Jawaharlal Nehru of whom Gandhiji frequently visited the said captive soldiers to tame and advised the British to demobilise them and to send them to their Villages.

^{handcuffed}
(f) That the Netaji and Habib-ur-Rahman were kept and/or captivated in a secluded strong room cell, handcuffed.

(g) That in the fog end of night of 14th August, the British War Secretary Philip Mason with another senior executive and a senior high ranking British soldier (with a revolver tied in a holster hanging loosely on his waist) entered the cell of the Netaji and Habib-ur-Rahman where the Netaji was sitting in a chair with Habib-ur-Rahman standing and Philip Mason argued the Netaji to influence him to neutralise -



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which failed. Philip Mason and the British Executive went back and then it stroke midnight in the Red Fort belfry and then the said British soldier took out his silencer-fitted revolver, came forward and stood in front of the Netaji, raised the revolver on the forehead of the handcuffed Netaji (Habib-ur-Rahman said: "What you are doing - V-H-A-T) and seeing the wrist watch, the said soldier fired point blank. The sound was like a coughing noise. The Netaji made painful voice: Ah as Habib heard.

(h) That the dead body of the Netaji was burnt to ashes in the Red Fort and the said ashes was buried in the Red Fort soil on 16th August, 1945.

(i) That after murder of the Netaji, Habib-ur-Rahman was taken to Taihoku (as Habib choose between death and life) and the story of plane crash, cremation of the Netaji's remains at Taihoku on August, 20, 1945, the ashes taken by Habib-ur-Rahman to Tokyo some weeks later, observation of funeral rites at Renkoj Temple on 14th September, 1945 and keeping ~~as~~ of ashes at the said Temple were planted.

(j) That the circumstances leading to the murder of the Netaji are as follows : 1) Fall of Burma on 10th August, 1945 (after defeats of the Japanese military might on attacks by

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Allied forces between 9th March, 1945 and 9th August, 1945).
(ii) Acceptance of terms of surrender by the Emperor of Japan on 14th August, 1945 (which was signed on 2nd September, 1945) and surrender documents of Germany and Italy were signed on 7th May, 1945). (iii) In fact, on 14th August, 1945 entire Japan and the Pacific Islands and other lands came under the control of General McArthur as absolute ruler of Japan. (Emperor of Japan's recorded voice of surrender was broadcast from all Radio stations in Japan on 15th August, 1945): (iii) With defeats in war front Japan was running short in fuel reserve and war materials also. (iv) Japan's request to ^{Stalin} ~~Stalin~~ for negotiation with U.S.A. was refused. Potsdam conference held on 13th day of July, 1945. (v) On 6th and 9th August, 1945 atom bombs were exploded on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japanese Emperor was adamant to surrender. Hence Japan cannot, nor she had authority, power and ability to help Netaji to fly in a bomber from Singapore on 18th August, 1945 leading to crash at Tajhoku.

(k) The circumstantial aftermath the murder of the Netaji is manifest in the following events amongst others :
(i) Murder of the Netaji was not made public, but it was known

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to Gandhiji and Jawaharlal Nehru whose speeches on and after 20th August, 1945 show changes in ^{their} attitude towards the Netaji to gain political mileage. (i) The British imperialists were also making propaganda to neutralise Netaji's influence by making motivated and qualifying estimation of the NETAJI, vis-a-vis were ~~making~~ backing Gandhi - Nehru Cult of the Congress. (ii) Nehru's address on 15th August, 1947 at Red Fort commenting on the Netaji and using Netaji's slogans. (iv) Motivated treatments of INA prisoners, and episode of INA Trial with a view to wipe out the Netaji's influence. (v) Nehru and Mountbatten's visit to INA memorial in March, 1946 at Singapore and Mountbatten's arrogant behaviour to the Memorial vis-a-vis Gandhi-Nehru's acceptance of Indian Dominion with Mountbatten as Governor General and Jinnah's refusal of such ~~Governor~~ ^{Gouverneur} General for Pakistani Dominion. (vi) Un-official commission, Shah Nawaz Committee's limited authority and its failure to visit ~~Naxax~~ Taihoku and cross-examine people there. Nehru was compelled to set up the committee, but, he did not like it, (vii) Justice Khosla Commission's proceedings show that the Taihoku plane crash story was completely a transplanted drama suggesting that the episode of plane crash was woven to divert the people from the truth: the murder of the Netaji in Red Fort at Delhi.

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2. Apart from referring to his book in English titled, "Netaji was murdered in Red Fort (1990)", the deponent referred to the secret documents of the CSDIC (Combined Services Detailed Intelligence Centres of the British Force) but the said Centre was closed after the Netaji's murder and the British took all these documents to London - which may be procured from the Government of United Kingdom.

3. In view of above the Government of India, in my considered opinion has nothing to join save and except the duty to search out any records or documents relating to as following, which may be relevant, and if found, to place before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission *by Affidavit and if not what also to submit by Affidavit:*

- // (a) CSDIC documents with the Government of United Kingdom.
- (b) Construction of barracks in Red Fort in 1943 and after (it may relate to the civil Constructions division of the Ministry of Defence).
- (c) Records in respect of refuelling of the Japanese bomber on 14th August, 1945 in the Airports at Salutikor, Rupai and Patna (it may relate to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (in particular Airports Authority of India) and Ministry of Defence.

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- (d) Details of JNA Prisoners in Red Fort as to visitors and detainees since 1943 upto their trial is over (it relates with the records of the Ministry of Defence).
- (e) Records in respect of aircrafts landing at and flying from the Delhi Aerodrome during the days: 14th August, 1945 and 17th August, 1945 (it may relate with the records of the said Air - port Authority of India or Ministry of Defence).
- (f) Log books or records relating to the Military Vehicles as were being used by the British Military during 14th August, 1945 and 17th August, 1945 in Delhi (it may relate to the Ministry of Defence).
- (g) Existence of - strong room (or very secured) secluded Cell in Red Fort (from where no sound can be heard even by people within the Red Fort) (it may relate to constructions division or civil engineering division of the Ministry of Defence).
- (h) Records relating to formation and proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee (it may relate to the Cabinet Secretariat, the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of , ^{External} ~~Foreign~~ Affairs - although some of the records as to proceeding have been placed before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission).

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(i) Records relating to Justice Shah Commission (of your Ministry and the same have been placed).

(j) Speeches by Gandhiji and Jawharlal Nehru since 1942 upto 15th August, 1947 (it may relate to your Ministry of Home Affairs).

(k) Any intelligence or war reports on the status and activities of the Allied Forces and the Japanese during 9th March, 1945 and 2nd September, 1945 in the areas of Japan and under Japan and the Pacific Islands (it may relate to the Ministry of Defence).

(l) Accounts of visits of Jawharlal Nehru and Moutabatten to Singapore during 1945 to 1947 (it may relate to the Ministry of Home Affairs and also Ministry of External Affairs).

A general Affidavit denying or accepting the Affidavit in question should be made earlier than taking steps for records etc.

With the above may I conclude my advice here and am returning the said Affidavit of Sri Usha Ranjan Bhattacharya.

Thanking you,

Enclosed : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- T. Pal

Advocate

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1. Sri Falguni Rajkumar, Joint Secretary (Trg.) & CAO, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi - 110001 - with request to take steps for filing Affidavit in the matters of items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (k) of Paragraph No. 3 above.
- ✓ 2. Sri Jayanta Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi - 110001 - with request to take steps for filing Affidavit in the matters of items (a), (h) and (l) of Paragraph No. 3 above.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India, Rajib Gandhi Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi - with request to take steps for filing Affidavit in the matters of items, (c), (e) and (h) of the Paragraph No. 3 above.
4. Sri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary, P.L.O., Government of India, South Block, New Delhi - 110001, with request to take steps for filing Affidavit in the matters of item () of Paragraph No. 3 above.
5. The Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi - 110001, with request to take steps for filing Affidavit in the matters of item (h) of Paragraph No. 3 above.

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t of India in the Justice Mukher-
jee Commission of Inquiry To
Inquire Into The Alleged Disappear-
-ance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
August, 2, 2001.

Dear Madam,

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Please see the
enclosure on page 2
and process on file.
Sh. Sen.
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Re: Written advice including advice on evidence
as to the averments/Contentions/Allegations made
in the Affidavit by 1) Subrata Bose, 2) Smt.
Chitra Ghosh and 3) Sri Supriyo Bose, before the
Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission

- And

Your Letter No. 1/12014/10/2001-IS(D. III)
dated 4th July, 2001.

The case of the deponents (nephew, niece and grand nephew of the Netaji)
for themselves and for seven others (who are nieces, nephew and grand nephew of
the Netaji) in the said Affidavit are as follows :-

1. That the Netaji did not die in the alleged plane crash at Taihoku on 18th
August, 1945, and therefore the ashes kept at Runkoji Temple cannot be that
of the Netaji's. This belief is/was shared by all the members of the family and
brothers of Netaji. Late Satish Chandra Bose and Late Sarat Chandra Bose (eminent
political leaders) and brothers of the Netaji vented such belief out in state-
ments in several political meetings and rallies.

2. That the finding of the Shah Nawaz Committee was qualified with dissentient
report of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose (with the points that the committee did not
visit Taihoku and there are several anomalies in evidence).

3. The deponents referred to the following :-

a) The dissentient report of Shri Suresh Chandra Bose one of the members
of the Shah Nawaz Committee. (This report has been submitted with the
affidavit but the copy of same has not been supplied with the affidavit, although
the said original report is with the records of Shah Nawaz Committee
which have been produced before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission)

b) The seventy five page report dated 31st December 1945 of the Combined
Services Detailed Interrogation centre under MI-3 of the British Government
as to interrogation of Colonel Habibur Rahman's evidence signed by one Captain
Biren Chakraborty and counter signed by one Colonel Stevenson (This record
relates with the Ministry of Defence, Government of India)

c) A book titled, "Unto Him A Witness" by Shri S. A. Iyer to Show anomalies in
publishing the news of death of the Netaji. (This may be matters of your
Ministry and also Ministry of Defence).

d) About 9000 (nine thousand) files of the Defence Ministry lying with the
National Archives of India. (National Archives of India has already submitted



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in this regard, before the Hon'ble Commission).

5) The deponents have submitted for finding the following records to deliver before the Hon'ble Commission for consideration.

a) The relevant records (without specification), in the Prime Minister's office during Jawahar Lal Nehru.

b) The relevant records (without specification) of the Government of the U.K. U.S.A. France, C. I. S., Germany, China, Japan and Vietnam and other relevant countries.

6) In view of above the P.M.O., the Ministry of Defence and the National Archives of India should submit affidavits stating the facts as to the said records. Before that a general affidavit on your behalf should be filed denying or accepting or otherwise. The said Affidavit of Subrata Bose and others is returned herewith).

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

T. Pal

(Tarakeswar Pal)
Advocate

Enclo: As stated above.

copy to : By Regd. post with A/D.

1. Sri Falgunia Rajkumar, Joint Secretary(Trg).& CAO,
Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, South Block New Delhi-110001.
-for taking steps to file affidavit in the matters of paragraph no.4 above.

2. The Director, National Archives of India Janpath, New Delhi.
-for filing affidavit in respect of item (d) of paragraph no.4 above.

3. Sri Jayanta Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India South Block, New Delhi-110001. for filing affidavits in the
matters relating to items (b) of paragraph no.5 above.

4. Sri Jamail Singh, Joint Secretary, P.M.O. South Block New Delhi-110001
for filing Affidavit in respect of items(a) of paragraph no.5 above.

Tarakeswar Pal

(Tarakeswar Pal)
Advocate.



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जयन्त प्रसाद

संयुक्त सचिव (ए एम एस तथा सी एन वी)

सं. 25/14/एन जी ओ

दिनांक ४ अगस्त, 2001

प्रिय श्री बालकवि बैरागी जी,

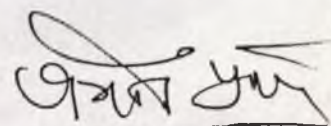
यह पत्र मैं माननीय गृहमंत्री को लिखे आपके दिनांक 15.10.2000 के पत्र के संदर्भ में लिख रहा हूँ जिसके साथ नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस से संबंधित कुछ मुद्दों के बारे में हिन्दूस्तान समाजवादी प्रजातंत्र सेना का पत्र संलग्न किया गया था।

हिन्दूस्तान समाजवादी प्रजातंत्र सेना द्वारा उठाए मुद्दों के संबंध में स्थिति इस प्रकार है :

(क) इस मंत्रालय के पास ऐसे कोई कागजात नहीं हैं जिनमें इस बात का उल्लेख हो कि 14 अगस्त, 1947 को यू.के. के साथ कोई करार सम्पन्न हुआ था जैसा कि हिन्दूस्तान समाजवादी प्रजातंत्र सेना के संदर्भाधीन पत्र में कहा गया है।

(ख) हमारे पास उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के बाद यू.के. द्वारा तैयार की गई युद्ध अपराधियों की सूची में नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस का नाम नहीं है।

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(जयन्त प्रसाद)

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श्री बालकवि बैरागी,
संसद सदस्य,
राज्य सभा,
नई दिल्ली

✓ प्रतिलिपि : श्री गुकेश मित्तल, उप सचिव, गृह मंत्रालय को दिनांक 10.7.2001 के उनके पत्र सं. 1/12014/2001 आई एस (डी -III) के संदर्भ में प्रेषित।

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Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)

No. 25/14/NGO

Dated

Dear Shri Balkavi Bairagi,

Please refer to your letter of 15.10.2000 to the Hon'ble Home Minister forwarding therewith a letter from the Hindustan Samajwadi Prajatantra Sena(HSPS) regarding certain points relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The position with regard to the points raised by the HSPS is as under.

- a) This Ministry does not have any papers indicating that any agreement was signed with the U.K. on August 14, 1947 as mentioned in the HSPS letter under reference.
- b) According to the information available with us, the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose does not figure in the list of War Criminals drawn up by the U.K. after World War II.

Yours faithfully,

(Jayant Prasad)

Shri Balkavi Bairagi,
Member of Parliament,
Rajya Sabha,
New Delhi

Not on original:

Copy to Shri Mukesh Mittal, Dy. Secy., MHA, w.r.t. his letter
No.I/12014/8/2001-IS(D.III) dated 10.7.2001.

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CRASH - PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Reference your Fax of date regarding the 4 Lok Sabha Questions for answer on 21 April 1999.

2. Our inputs for the various questions are as follows, ad seriatim:

1) Information on Subhas Chandra Bose:

(a) Yes.

(b) The Government of India, through its High Commission in London, sought information from the Government of Britain about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's name being on the list of war criminals drawn up by the UK after World War II.

(c) The information received from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the British Government was that no list of Indian war criminals was drawn up by the UK. Such a list was drawn up only for Japanese and German nationals. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's name did not figure on any such list.

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2) Delegation from Britain:

- (a), (b) & (c) Government is unaware of any such delegation from House of Lords' likely visit to India for enquiring into visa problems.

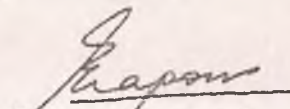
3) Relations with Britain:

- (a) As part of an on-going process, the British Government reiterated their keenness to maintain and further develop good relations with India during the visit of our External Affairs Minister to UK from 2 - 5 February 1999, and during the visit of the Deputy Prime Minister of UK to India from 4 - 12 March 1999.

4) British Dy. PM's Visit to India:

We have not yet received details of what transpired during the visit.

Warm regards,


(Pavan Kapoor)



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Message

Ref. your Telex of date regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The only additional information to my Fax of 25.11.1998 (copy enclosed for ease of reference) is that the Army Historical Branch of the Ministry of Defence also confirmed with their records that Netaji's name was not included in any 'List of War Criminals' drawn-out by the UK Government after the Second World War.

Regards,


(Pavan Kapoor)

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New Delhi, the 10th July, 2001.

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To

The Joint Secretary (EW),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
NEW DELHI.

Subject : Letter from Hindustan Samajwadi Prajatantra
Sena (Bharat) containing certain points
relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of letter dated 15.10.2000 from Shri Balkavi Bairagi, MP, Rajya Sabha, addressed to HM alongwith a copy of letter dated 14.10.2000 from Shri Dilip Sharma, Provincial Working President of Hindustan Samajwadi Prajatantra Sena (Bharat), District Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh, raising certain points about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In the enclosure, point at S.No. 4 relates to the agreement made with Britain on 14.8.1947 and the request that it may be placed on the Table of the House.

2. It is requested that the above point may please be examined in the Ministry of External Affairs and the response sent directly to Shri Balkavi Bairagi, MP, on this matter.

Yours faithfully,



(MUKESH MITTAL)

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

Encl. : As above.

This relates to
Netaji's name being
included in the
U.S. list of war
criminals. Please put up
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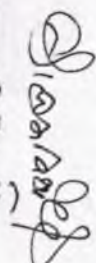
विश्वास है कि इस पत्र की प्राप्ति सूचना तो आप मुझे देंगे ही। कष्ट के
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सभी को मेरा सम्मान दें।

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सावर अभिवादन,

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आशा है सानन्द ही होंगे।

इस पत्र के साथ आपकी सेवा में जो सहपत्र प्रेषित कर रहा हूँ,

उसके विषय - बिन्दुओं का सम्बन्ध सीधे आपके विवेक, विचार और विभागा से हैं। इसका निराकरण आपके दायरे में ही होगा।

आपसे मेरा आग्रह है कि कृपया इसका परीक्षण करा कर इसे विशिष्ट सम्मत, वैधानिक निराकरण तक पहुँचाने की कृपा करें। आपका अनुग्रह होगा।

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विशेष आग्रह यह है कि इस प्रकरण में आपके द्वारा की गई कार्यवाही से यदि आप मुझे अवगत करावा देंगे तो मैं भी सम्बन्ध पक्ष को अपनी ओर से सूचित कर सकूँगा।

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माननीय बालकवि बैरागी जी
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माननीय राष्ट्र भक्तों की आवाज आपके दरवाजों तक पहुँचा रहा है।
आपको धक्कने की निगाहें देखना चाहती है, राष्ट्र नायक कंटिद्र
नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस का किले पर कब आयेगे ?

1. 1947 से आज तक भारत में जो सरकारें आयी उन्होंने नेताजी
पुकरण का कर्म देवाकर रखा। भारतीय जनता को बुझा रहा किया
वर्तमान सरकार जनता के सामने पैदा करे, आप भी प्रयास करें।
नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस की असली और सत्य बातें क्या हैं ?

2. 1945 से लेकर आज तक भारत सरकार के पास कोई ऐसा
प्रमाण नहीं है कि नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस की मृत्यु हुई है।
राष्ट्रीय समारोह में नेताजी की जीवित होने की घोषणा की जाये।

3. भारत सरकार नेताजी का नाम कुछ अपराध सूची से हटवाये
और भारतीय जनता को पूर्ण रूप से अवगत कराये।

4. जब भारत देश आजाद है तो 14 अगस्त 1947 को बिट्टेन से किये
गये समझौते को भारत सरकार सदन पढ़ने पर कर्म नहीं रखती,

मार्गदर्शिका की प्रतिक्षा-

दिलीप शर्मा

प्रांतीय अध्यक्ष कार्यकारी
हि. स. प्र. सेना (भारत) म. प्र.

तुम मेरा साथ दो, मैं तुम्हें अमन दूँगा।



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VI

Dated 13th August, 2001

Dear Dr. Sarkar,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. F.9-4/2001-R.III of 8.8.2001 regarding three files of this Ministry.

We are taking necessary action in the matter and will revert to you as soon as possible.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)

Dr. Sukumar Sarkar,
Director General of Archives,
National Archives of India,
Janpath,
New Delhi-110001

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56 (Vol.II)/172 Calcutta, dated, the **June 27, 2001**

From: Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : Ms. Sangita Gairola
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
Ministry of Home Affairs (IS)
North Block
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the U.K. to study the declassified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witnesses - political clearance etc.

Ref: JMCI/DOC(BOR)/99-2000/56/Vol.II/166 dt.25.6.2001

Madam,

I am directed to invite a reference to the above-quoted letter and the previous correspondences on the subject and to say that till now no communication has been received from your end regarding approval of the tour, financial sanction and political clearance. According to the programme of the Commission, the proposed visit to London will be from 7.7.2001 to 27.7.2001. You must appreciate that very little time is available for making all preparations and if the requisite approval, sanction, clearance etc. are not received within this week, the Commission may be left with no alternative to postponement of the programme at the last moment resulting in dislocation in the work of the Commission and inconvenience to a number of authorities and persons both in India and abroad.

Today, I have received a fax message from Sm. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), MEA, New Delhi, in connection with the proposed visit of the Commission to London. She has simply forwarded a copy of the fax message from Shri Vikas Swarup, Counsellor (Pol.), High Commission of India, London, Political Wing, addressed to Foreign, New Delhi. I am sending herewith a copy each of the fax message from Smt. Narinder Chauhan and the fax message from Shri Swarup. It is not understood as to why Smt. Chauhan has just forwarded a copy of the fax message of Shri Swarup addressed to her without obtaining necessary sanction from the appropriate authorities, as requested by Shri Vikas Swarup.

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No. JMCI/ DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(vol.II)/172 Calcutta, dated, the **June 27, 2001**

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I am directed to request you again to communicate the necessary approval of the tour, financial sanction, political clearance etc. without any further delay so that the Commission may stick to its programme communicated to the Government of India long back.

This is extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/172(1) dt. 27.6.2001.

Copy forwarded to :-

Smt. Narinder Chauhan
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs, South Block
New Delhi - 110001

- for information and necessary action. The High Commission of India in London will be requested to contact the witnesses for and on behalf of the Commission after receiving the necessary approval of the tour, financial sanction etc. from the Govt. of India.

(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/181

Calcutta, dated, July 2, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)
Secretary

To
The Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi - 110 001

Subject : Visit of the Commission to London for study of files in the British Library
and examination of certain witnesses in U.K. from 7.07.2001 to 27.07.2001

Sir,

Enclosed please find a copy of the fax message dated June 29, 2001 received at about 5-30 P.M. on the same day from Mr. V.P. Bhatia, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, which is self-explanatory.

In view of the position revealed by the aforesaid fax message, the Commission is left with no alternative but to postpone the above-mentioned proposed visit. Revised programme of visit will be communicated to you after receiving necessary sanction from the Ministry of Home Affairs and complying with all formalities for the proposed visit. Indian High Commission in London may kindly be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/181/1(5)

Calcutta, dated, July 2, 2001

Copy forwarded for favour of information and necessary action to :-

1. Mr. Vidyasagar Verma, Joint Secretary (Coord.), Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs, Coordination Division - in reference to his office memorandum no. PC-927/JS(Coord.)/2001 dated June 28, 2001.
2. Mrs. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi 110 001,
3. Mr. Vikas Swarup, Counsellor (Pol.), High Commission of India, London in reference to his fax message dated 25.6.2001 addressed to Foreign, New Delhi.
4. Ms. Sangita Gairola, Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi 110 001.
5. Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of Archives, Govt. of India, National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi 110 001

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

FAX MESSAGE

(FAX NO. 033-252-2765)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, the 29th June, 2001.

To

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
CALCUTTA - 700 087.

Subject - Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
to the U.K. from 7-28 July, 2001 to study the de-
classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine
certain persons as witnesses.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 25.6.2001 addressed to Smt. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs on the subject noted above. In this connection it may be stated that the required political clearance in respect of the team of the Commission visiting U.K. has since been received from the Ministry of External Affairs vide their O.M.No. PC-927/JS(Coord)/2001 dated June 28, 2001. A copy of this O.M. is enclosed for ready reference. It is requested that the guidelines mentioned in para 3 of this O.M. may kindly be observed.

2. As regards necessary sanction for the proposed visit of the team of the Commission, it may be stated that the same is under process and has been sent to the Ministry of Finance for necessary approval. As soon as the required approval is received, the Commission will be informed about the same immediately. In this connection, it is also requested that as the issue is time-bound and lot of follow-up is required at personal level, it would be appreciated if you could depute some person who can follow-up the case at various levels for obtaining the required sanction and subsequent issue thereof.

Yours faithfully,

(Y.P. BHATIA)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

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Ministry of External Affairs
Nko Section

Reference FR placed below:

Is Ministerial approval required in this case

I would recommend clearance (as the nodal officer
for dealing with the Commission in MEA)

Sd/-

JLAMSRCMV
20.06.01

JSCoord

Please enclose the previous reference

indicates dates

Sd/-

JSCoord
20.6.01

As desired, the previous reference is enclosed
as 'x' below.

Submitted please

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it is not classified

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Sec (West) in clearance

I have noted the dates
of the visit (viz 2-28 July 2001)

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for our records

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No. JMCI/ DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/VOL.II/157 Calcutta, dated, the 18th June, 2001.

From:
Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
Ms. Sangita Gairola,
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs(IS),
North Block,
New Delhi-110 001.

Sub: Proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry to the U.K. to
study the de-classified records
pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra
Bose at the British Library and to
examine certain persons as witnesses
--- Political clearance.

Madam,

I am directed to invite a reference to the letter
no. JMCI/DOC/99-2000/56/(vol.II)/83 dated 18.05.2001 and the
previous correspondences on the subject of the proposed visit
of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the U.K. and to
say that necessary approval for the proposed visit from the
Government of India has not yet been received. It is presumed
that the matter is being processed and approval of the Govern-
ment of India will be received shortly.

In order to avoid delay in undertaking the proposed
visit, I am directed to request you to kindly move the
Government of India for political clearance to the visit of
the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission to
the U.K. as per the programme already communicated to you.
In this connection, it may be recalled here that Dr.S.C.Sarkar,
Director General of National Archives, will also be visiting
U.K. to help the Commission to study the files at the British
Library. So political clearance for Dr. S.C. Sarkar will
also be necessary.

It will be highly appreciated if necessary approval
of the Govt. of India to the proposed visit to the U.K. and
political clearance for the Chairman and the Secretary of
the Commission and Dr.S.C. Sarkar, Director General, National
Archives, are communicated to the Commission as early as
possible.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)157(1) dated: 18.06.2001.

Copy forwarded to:

Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry
of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action.

P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCII/ DOC(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/83 Calcutta, dated, the

18th May, 2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : Ms. Sangita Gairola
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
Ministry of Home Affairs (I.S.)
North Block
New Delhi - 110001.

Sub : Proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry to the U.K. to
study the de-classified records
pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra
Bose at the British Library and to
examine certain persons as witnesses

Ref : Your letter No. I/12014/6/2001-IS
(D.III) dated 16.05.2001.

Madam,

Inviting a reference to the above-quoted letter on the
aforesaid subject, I am directed to say that the revised
programme of the visit of the Commission to the U.K. is as
follows :-

- a) Expected date of departure for U.K. from Calcutta
7.7.2001
- b) Expected date of departure from London for Calcutta
29.7.2001 :-

During the aforesaid period of visit to the U.K. the
Commission will study 700 reportedly available files on
Netaji/INA. As already been intimated to you, the team of the
Commission shall consist of the Hon'ble Chairman himself and
the Secretary. Dr. S.C.Sarkar, Director General of National
Archives, has already consented to help the Commission study
the said files at the British Library and obtain Micro-Films/
Micro-Fiches of the relevant files and documents.

The Commission has also a programme to examine some
witnesses in and around London. The High Commission of India
in London has already been requested through the Ministry of

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External Affairs to contact those witnesses and ascertain their convenience to appear before the Commission during the said period. The High Commission in London has already informed the Ministry of External Affairs that they have been able to contact three witnesses. At this stage, it is not possible to fix dates of recording statements of the witnesses who may be available in and around London during the period of visit of the Commission to London. After receiving further information from the British High Commission, dates may be fixed for examination of witnesses.

I am accordingly directed to request you to move the Government for sanction of air-fare to and fro London, D.A., T.A. local transport etc. for the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission during their stay in London. As earlier requested, accommodation in London may be arranged for the team of the Commission and also Dr. S. C. Sarkar, Director General of National Archives of India.

Since the inception of the Commission, the Commission's expenditure have been booked in the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs' Budget Grant No.42 (since re-numbered as 45) under the following Head of a/c. (vide order No. 1/12014/2/99-IS(D.III dated 15.10.99 of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs) :-

"Major Head : 2070 - Other administrative services -
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02 - Other Commissions -
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the aspect of disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose."

During the years 1999-2000 to 2001-2002, funds have been allotted to the Commission a lump sum provisions without showing any Service/function-wise break-up. In the current financial year,

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the Commission has been provided with a lump sum provision of Rs.50,00,000/-, as indicated in the M.H.A. order No. 1/12014/2/99-IS(D.III) dated 24.04.2001. Till date, there is a balance of Rs.45,80,022.00.

As requested by Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, in her d.o.Letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 10.05.2001, necessary sanction indicating Heads of a/c to which the expenditure is to be debited may be issued as early as possible to enable the Ministry of External Affairs to arrange accommodation, local transport etc. for the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary during the aforesaid visit of the Commission to London.

This may be treated as urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

BY SPEED POST

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

- (1) The Director(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi - 110001.
- (2) Sri V.P. Bhatia, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs(IS), Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi - 110001.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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(BY FAX)

FAX NO. 033- 252-2765

FROM : HOME, NEW DELHI

**TO : SHRI PRADYOT KUMAR SENGUPTA,
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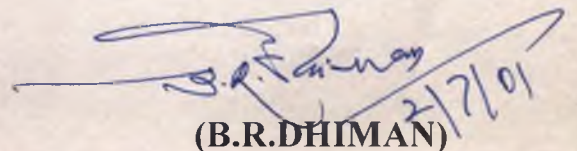
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KINDLY REFER TO YOUR LETTER NO. JMCI/DOC
(For)/99-2000/56 (Vol. II) 84 DATED 18TH MAY 2001 REGARDING
THE VISIT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE U.K. TO STUDY THE
FILES/RECORDS AT THE BRITISH LIBRARY AND TO EXAMINE
THE WITNESSES (.)

2. IN THIS REGARD, COMPETENT AUTHORITY HAS
APPROVED THE PROPOSED VISIT OF THE COMMISSION (.)
YOU ARE REQUESTED KINDLY TO GO AHEAD AS
SCHEDULED (.) SANCTION FOLLOWS (.)

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(B.R.DHIMAN)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA
Tel. No. 011- 3015700

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. **Dr. S.C.Sarkar,**
Director General
National Archives of India
Janpath, New Delhi

2. **Ms. Narinder Chauhan**
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block, New Delhi

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Ministry of External Affairs
(Director(CNV)'s Office)

This has reference to PMO's U.O.No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol dated 9.7.2001 forwarding excerpts from Parliamentary Proceeding dated 28.8.78 alongwith a copy of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry's letter dated 29.6.2001.

Despite our best efforts, we have not been able to locate the desired documents in the files of this Ministry.

N Chauhan

(Narinder Chauhan)
Director(CNV)

Shri Alok Mukhopadhyay
Under Secretary(Pol)
Prime Minister's Office

MEA U.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 17.7.2001

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Most Immediate

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Please find enclosed a copy of letter dated 29.6.2001 received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry enclosing a Xerox copy of the pages 455 of 456 of Parliamentary Proceeding dated 28.8.78.

It is requested that urgent efforts may kindly be made to locate the documents based on which the Prime Minister had made the statement in the Parliament on 28/8/1978 and copy of the same be sent direct to the Commission ~~without~~ intimation to this office.

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[Alok Mukhopadhyay]
Under Secretary(Pol)

1. **Joint Secretary, (AMS & CNV)**
Ministry of External Affairs
2. **Joint Secretary (IS-I), MHA**
3. **Director (History Division)**
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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To : The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
Government of India,
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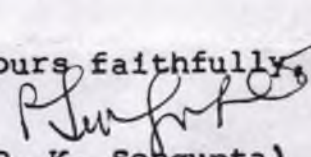
S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the pages 455 and 456 of purported Parliamentary Proceedings dated August 28, 1978 wherefrom it appears that Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, stated, inter alia, on the floor of the Parliament on August 28, 1978, as follows :-

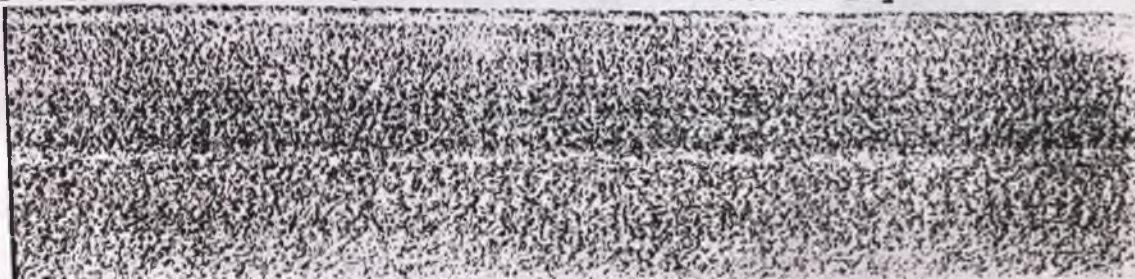
"some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available. In the light of those doubts and contradictions and those records, Government find it difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions are decisive." (Emphasis supplied)

I am directed to request you to ensure production of duly attested xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records", which were admitted to have become available to the Government of India, as stated by the then Prime Minister on August 28, 1978 on the floor of the Parliament, before the Commission within six weeks of the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.



[Shri Vasant Sathe]

I find sometimes a contradiction in our behaviour. Statues or portraits are normally unveiled of only those who are no more with us. It is very seldom, except in the South, that a statue is unveiled of a person who is still alive. Normally it is not done. In the present case, on the one hand, we have unveiled the statues and portraits; on the other hand, we are maintaining that he is still alive. I think there is some contradiction which needs reconciliation.

If, for any reason, it is felt that the recommendation or report of the Commission is wrong, throw it out and have another fresh enquiry. In all seriousness, I would submit to Morarji bhai that the only authority on this subject, who can go into it, who can really go to the areas where there is a likelihood of finding Subhas Chandra Bose is Prof. Samar Guha. He has photographs with him. I think, there should be a one-man Commission I am saying it in all humility and seriousness and that should be headed by Prof. Samar Guha. He can take all the assistance, the entire Government machinery can be placed at his disposal and he might even take the assistance of your scientific astrologer. There is substance in astrology and may be that it would help. But if any one can find Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for us and if on any one's behalf supposing Netaji has taken sanyas, as the Astrologer says, and even then if any one can persuade him to come even in sanyas at least to give darshan to his people, it is only Prof. Samar Guha and nobody else. He has such a devotion and completed identification that you cannot find in anyone else. I would request the hon. Prime Minister, Shri Morarji Desai to appoint a one-man Commission headed by Prof. Samar Guha, give him all the assistance than one can think of. Let him try his best to bring Subhas Chandra Bose to this land.

With these words, I conclude.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I may differ sometimes from hon. friend, Mr. Samar Guha, but I can never doubt, even in my sleep, his sincerity. I have great admiration for the dedication with which he is pursuing this cause and yet we have to be realistic in this matter.

There have been two enquiries into the report of the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the air-crash on 18th August 1945 at Taihoku air-field during his air-journey to Manchuria, one by a Committee presided over by Maj. General Shah Nawaz Khan and the second by a one-man Committee of enquiry headed by Shri G. D. Khosla, retired Judge of the Punjab High Court. The Majority report of the first Committee and Shri Khosla held the report of the death as true. Since then, reasonable doubts have been cast on the correctness of the conclusions reached in the two reports and various important contradictions in the testimony of witnesses have been noticed. some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available. In the light of those doubts and contradictions and those records, Government find it difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions are decisive. At the same time, Government feels that no useful purpose would be served by having any further inquiry. I hope that in the light of this statement, my hon. friend will withdraw his motion.

PROF. SAMAR GUHA (Contd.): Sir, Today is a great day for the whole Indian people, because a mortal sin, a treacherous crime that was committed against the epic hero of Indian freedom has been undone. If I say that Netaji was given burial, out of political conspiracy, it would not be an exaggeration. Although there was not an iota of doubt or any positive proof to the contrary that the plane crash was nothing but fake, and the alleged crash did not involve Netaji at all!

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No. JMCI/Com/2000-2001/51-II/203(61) ✓

Calcutta, dated, the 9th July 2001
Under Certificate of Posting

From:
Shri N.K. Panja, WBHJS (Retd)
(Ex-District & Sessions Judge)
Commissioner

NOTICE

The undersigned hereby gives notice to all concerned for their information and necessary action that he has been appointed Commissioner by the Commission for recording deposition of

- a. Shri Asoke Tandon S/o. Shri N.C. Tandon, 8 MIG Lakhnpuri Colony, Amaniganj City, Dist. Faizabad, U.P. 224 121
- b. Shri Durga Prasad Pandey Narharia near Shivala, P.O. Purani Basti, Dist. Basti, U.P., 272002
- c. Ma-Jagadambe Swargadara, Ayodhya, Dist. Faizabad, U.P. 224 123
- d. Dr. R.P. Misra, Surgeon (Retd.), Jharkhandi, Faizabad, U.P. 224 123
- e. The District Magistrate, Faizabad, U.P. 224 001
- f. Bhandari Baba, Cantonment Area Mandir, Sitapur, U.P. 261 001
- g. Shri Raj Kumar Shukla Near Sadar Hospital, Purani Basti, Dist., Basti, U.P. 272 002
- h. Dr. P. Banerjee, near Jingle Bell School, Faizabad, P.O. & Dist. Faizabad 224 001
- i. Shri Gur Basant Singh, R.T.O. (Retd.), 'Ram Bhavan'. Civil Lines, Faizabad 224 001
- j. Shri Shakti Singh President, Subhas Chandra Bose Rastriya Vidya Manch, Central Office, Ram Bhavan, Civil Lines, Faizabad, U.P. 224 001
- k. Col. Amar Bahadur Singh 122 Civil Lines, Bareilly, P.O. & Dist. Bareilly 243 001

The undersigned has accordingly fixed 08.08.2001 (Wednesday), 09.08.01 (Thursday), 10.08.01 (Friday), 13.08.01 (Monday), 14.08.01 (Tuesday) and 16.08.01 (Thursday) for recording their deposition as per programme below :

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| i. | 08.08.01 | : | (a) Shri Asoke Tandon | (b) Shri Durga Prasad Pandey |
| ii. | 09.08.01 | : | (a) Ma-Jagadambe | (b) Dr. R.P. Misra, Surgeon (Retd.) |
| iii. | 10.08.01 | : | (a) The Dist. Magistrate, Faizabad | (b) Bhandari Baba |
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| v. | 14.08.01 | : | (a) Shri Gur Basant Singh RTO(Retd.) | (b) Shri Shakti Singh |
| vi. | 16.08.01 | : | (a) Col. Amar Bahadur Singh | |

The witnesses will be examined in the Circuit House, Faizabad at or about 11.00 A.M. on the above mentioned dates as per programme above. If recording of evidence of any of the aforesaid witnesses is not completed on the scheduled date the recording will be resumed on the next date at 11.00 A.M.

(N.K. Panja)
Commissioner

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Calcutta, dated, July 9 2001

From
Sri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary

To
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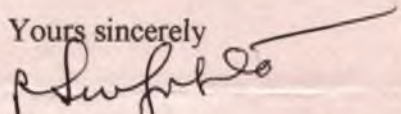
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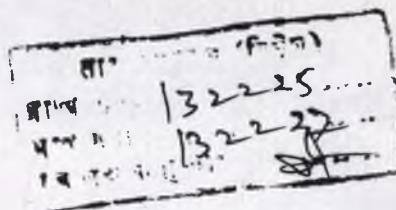
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Message

I am writing with reference to our telephonic conversation yesterday regarding the forthcoming visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. Unfortunately, we have been unable to transmit the message to Calcutta despite several attempts over the last two days. I am accordingly faxing the message to you with the request that it may kindly be sent from your end to the Commission's office in Calcutta urgently.

Regards.

Navdeep Suri
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11 July, 2001

Shri P.K.Sengupta,

Sir

Please refer to your d.o. No. JMCI/doc(for)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/205 dated July 9, 2001 to Shri H.S.Puri, Deputy High Commissioner regarding visit of JMCI to U.K. Shri Puri is currently out of country and has directed me to respond in the interim.

As desired, we are getting in touch with Lord Archer and Col. Toye to fix dates for recording their evidence.

With regard to the enclosed copy of the notice, I am directed to convey that the coordinating officer from the High Commission will be Shri Vikas Swarup, Counsellor(Pol) and not Shri R.K. Kalra, First Secretary(Pol) as mentioned in the notice.

We have made preliminary enquiries regarding dissemination of the notice through the British as well as Indian ethnic publications. The rates for a single column advertisement in the Times would be £ 245 (approximately Rs. Sixteen thousand, one hundred and seventy only) The rate for publication of the advertisement in India Weekly is £ 120 (approximately Rs. Seven thousand nine hundred & twenty only) and in Eastern Eye £ 120 (approximately Rs. Seven thousand nine hundred & twenty only)

In view of the financial implications involved in dissemination of the notice, we would await your instructions on the manner of advertisement and the publications in which it should be placed. We would also request you to obtain the necessary sanction to cover the necessary expenditure involved in the advertisement.

Yours faithfully,

Navdeep Suri

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तार : राष्ट्रीय अभिलेख
On: ARCHEION



H.D. Singh

Dear Sh. Kalra,

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
JANPATH NEW DELHI-110001

Dated the 13th July 2001

D.O.No.F.25-2(9)/2000.CC.

Kindly refer to your fax message dated 13 July, 2001 addressed to Sh. P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry regarding booking of accommodation for the delegation in London.

In this connection I would like to inform you that due to unavoidable circumstances, Smt. Krishna Dey, Asstt. Director, National Archives of India will be arriving in London on 19 July, 2001. It is therefore requested that her accommodation may kindly be reserved from 19 July, 2001 onwards

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(H.D. SINGH)

Sh. R.K. Kalra,
First Secretary (Protocol),
High Commission of India,
U.K. (London)
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Copy to: 1. Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), M/o External Affairs, New Delhi,
Fax.No.0091-11-379 4587

2. Sh. P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
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3. Shri Mukesh Mittal, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Home
Affairs - Fax. No. 3015750.

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No. I/12014/6/2001-IS (D.III)
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

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New Delhi, the 13th July, 2001

OFFICE ORDER

Subject : Visit of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retired), Chairman, Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director of Archives, National Archives of India to U.K. to study the de-classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witnesses from 16th July to 6th August, 2001.

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded to the visit of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retd.), Chairman, Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director of Archives, National Archives of India to U.K. to study the de-classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain witnesses from 16th July to 6th August, 2001.

2. The deputation will be from 16.07.2001 to 06.08.2001 including journey time. The number of days may be adjusted inter-se if necessary. The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman, Secretary and Assistant Director, NAI have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad :-

- a) Pay & Allowances: The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India.
- b) Air Fare (Tickets to be purchased by cash payment through Air India directly) in case of The cost of to and fro air ticket for Chairman (First Class); Secretary (economy class) will be borne out of the Budget Grant

Chairman & Secretary
of the Commission and
through exchange
voucher in respect
of Asstt. Director NAI.

allocated to Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry for which
Commission may draw advance
from its funds and for Asstt. Director
NAI (Economy Class) will be borne
out of the Budget Grant allocated to
Ministry of Tourism and Culture,
Deptt. of Culture.

- c) Airport Tax & of Visa fees : As levied by Airport authorities of various countries and will be borne by JMCI from its funds and by Deptt. of Culture.
- d) Cash Allowances: Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director, NAI will be entitled to draw Cash Allowances @ US \$ 75 per day for 14 days i.e. from 17.07.2001 to 30.07.2001 and @ US \$ 56.25 from 31.07.2001 to 05.08.2001 (6 days) or the actual period of stay in U.K. i.e. @ US \$ 1387.5 to each.
- e) Hotel Accommodation: At London: To be arranged by HCI, London for all members of the delegation and the expenditure will be borne by JMCI and Deptt. of Culture.
- f) Excess baggage: 5 Kg. to Chairman. (both ways)
- g) Contingencies: Rs. 4000/- to Chairman only.
@ Rs. 200/- per day
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actual stay.

h) Transport:

Transport will be arranged by HCI, London. The expenditure would be borne by JMCI and Deptt. of Culture.

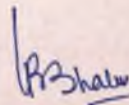
4. Other entitlements will be as laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 19036/7/83-E.IV dated 7.11.84 as amended from time to time.

5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director, National Archives of India.

6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Deptt. of Culture, during the year 2001-2002.

7. The deputation has been approved by the Competent Authority/Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide I D No. 612/E.IV/01-DC dated 12.07.2001.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the IF Desk (Home) vide their Dy.No. 1158/Fin.I/2001 dated 13.07.2001.



(V.P.BHATIA)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Tel. No. 3015700

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Copy to:-

1. Accounts Officer, Regional Pay & Accounts Office, (CISF), Ministry of Home Affairs, 15/1, Chowringhee Square, 4th Floor, Kolkata-700 069.
2. Assistant Controller of Accounts, Pay & Accounts Department, Department of Culture, National Archives of India Annexe Building (2nd Floor), Janpath, New Delhi.

3. Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block, (3rd Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Road, Kolkata-700 087.
4. Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.), Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (3rd Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Road, Kolkata-700 087.
5. Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director, National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi.
- ✓ 6. Ms. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi with the request that all arrangements for the delegation at Indian High Commission London may please be made to avoid any inconvenience to the delegation.
7. FA (Home), MHA, New Delhi.
8. Cash-I/ Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
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10. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure (E-IV), North Block, New Delhi.
11. Smt. Kasturi Gupta Menon, Joint Secretary, Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
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D.O.No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/205

(114) (160) Calcutta, dated, July 9 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary

To
Sri H.S. Puri
Deputy High Commissioner
India House Aldwich, London
WC2B4NA

Fax No. 004420 78364331

Subject : **Visit of the Commission to U.K. to study the declassified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witnesses including Lord Peter Archer and Col. Hugh Toye.**

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Yoursfaithfully,

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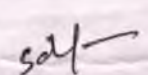
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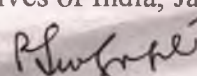

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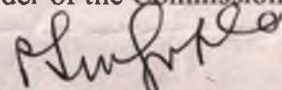
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OFFICE ORDER

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Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded to the visit of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retd.), Chairman, Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director of Archives, National Archives of India to U.K. to study the de-classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain witnesses from 16th July to 6th August, 2001.

2. The deputation will be from 16.07.2001 to 06.08.2001 including journey time. The number of days may be adjusted inter-se if necessary. The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman, Secretary and Assistant Director, NAI have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad :-

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| a) | Pay & Allowances: | The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India. |
| b) | Air Fare (Tickets to be purchased by cash payment through Air India directly) in case of | The cost of to and fro air ticket for Chairman (First Class); Secretary (economy class) will be borne out of the Budget Grant |

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Chairman & Secretary
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of Asstt. Director NAI.

2 allocated to Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry for which
Commission may draw advance
from its funds and for Asstt. Director
NAI (Economy Class) will be borne
out of the Budget Grant allocated to
Ministry of Tourism and Culture,
Deptt. of Culture.

- c) Airport Tax & of Visa fees : As levied by Airport authorities of various countries and will be borne by JMCI from its funds and by Deptt. of Culture.
- d) Cash Allowances: Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director, NAI will be entitled to draw Cash Allowances @ US \$ 75 per day for 14 days i.e. from 17.07.2001 to 30.07.2001 and @ US \$ 56.25 from 31.07.2001 to 05.08.2001 (6 days) or the actual period of stay in U.K. i.e. @ US \$ 1387.5 to each.
- e) Hotel Accommodation: At London: To be arranged by HCI, London for all members of the delegation and the expenditure will be borne by JMCI and Deptt. of Culture.
- f) Excess baggage: 5 Kg. to Chairman. (both ways)
- g) Contingencies: Rs. 4000/- to Chairman only.
@ Rs. 200/- per day
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h) Transport:

Transport will be arranged by HCI, London. The expenditure would be borne by JMCI and Deptt. of Culture.

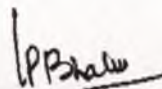
4. Other entitlements will be as laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 19036/7/83-E.IV dated 7.11.84 as amended from time to time.

5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director, National Archives of India.

6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Deptt. of Culture, during the year 2001-2002.

7. The deputation has been approved by the Competent Authority/Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide I D No. 612/E.IV/01-DC dated 12.07.2001.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the IF Desk (Home) vide their Dy.No. 1158/Fin.I/2001 dated 13.07.2001.

**(V.P.BHATIA)****Under Secretary to the Govt. of India****Tel. No. 3015700**

No.I/12014/6/2001-IS (D.III)

Dated the 13th July, 2001

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- 2. Assistant Controller of Accounts, Pay & Accounts Department, Department of Culture, National Archives of India Annexe Building (2nd Floor), Janpath, New Delhi.

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3. Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block, (3rd Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Road, Kolkata-700 087.
4. Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.), Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (3rd Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Road, Kolkata-700 087. (Fax No. 033-2522765)
5. Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director, National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi. (Fax No. 3384127)
6. ✓ Ms. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi with the request that all arrangements for the delegation at Indian High Commission London may please be made to avoid any inconvenience to the delegation. (Fax No. 2794587)
7. FA (Home), MHA, New Delhi.
8. Cash-I/ Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
9. Finance I Desk, MHA, New Delhi.
10. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure (E-IV), North Block, New Delhi.
11. Smt. Kasturi Gupta Menon, Joint Secretary, Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. (Fax - 3382907).
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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Calcutta, dated, July 9 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary

Fax No. 004420 78364331

To

Sri H.S. Puri
Deputy High Commissioner
India House Aldwich, London
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Subject : Visit of the Commission to U.K. to study the declassified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witnesses including Lord Peter Archer and Col. Hugh Toye.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly refer to your d.o. letter no. Lon/Pol./103/17/00 dated 27.2.2001 addressed to Sri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (AMS and CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, on the aforesaid subject, a copy of which was sent to this Commission by Sri Jayant Prasad alongwith his d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dt. 8.3.2001, and to say that during its visit to London the Commission will study documents and records relating to its sphere of inquiry at the British Library (and other libraries/archives/offices, if brought to its notice) on and from 18.7.2001. During its stay, the Commission intends to record the evidence of Lord Peter Archer and Col. Hugh Toye and such other persons as the Commission may deem necessary.

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Yours faithfully,

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The address of the Commission in London will be :-

Crowne Plaza London
 St. James Hotel & Suites
 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AF

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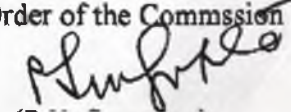
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Calcutta, dated, July 9 2001

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3. ~~Ms. Narinder Chauhan~~, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi 110 001
4. Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of Archives, National Archives of India, Janpath, ND-1

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BY SPEED POST

No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/190. Calcutta, dated, the 05.07.2001.

From : Shri M. Roy,
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To : Shri V.P. Bhatia,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman,
Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry and Smt. Krishna Dey,
Assistant Director of National Archives (as
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Bose/I.N.A. at the British Library and to examine
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August 6, 2001 including the journey time.

S i r,

In continuation of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/
DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/189 dated July 4, 2001 addressed
to Ms. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home
Affairs, Government of India, sent by FAX as also by Speed Post,
I am directed to state as follows :-

The date of departure of the Chairman and the Secretary
from Calcutta -

16.07.2001 .. By A.I.683 .. 22.35 hrs.

Arrival at London via Mumbai (A.I.123) and Delhi on 17.07.2001.

Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director of National Archives
of India is expected to join the team at Delhi.

The programme of the Commission in London is mainly
to study 700 declassified files at British Library and also to
examine such witnesses, as may be available.

All preparations are being made to ensure the visit of
the Commission from 16.07.2001. As already requested, necessary
permission for purchase of air-tickets from Air-India and payment
of U.K. Visa fees in cash from the fund of the Commission may be
communicated by FAX.

The expected date of departure from London is 05.08.2001.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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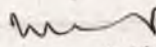
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External Affairs, Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
- 3) Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of Archives,
National Archives of India, ~~xx~~ Janpath, New Delhi-110001.
- 4) Shri S.N. Singh, Section Officer, JMCI, New Delhi,
C/o. Shri V.P. Bhatia, Under Secretary to the Govt.
of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block,
New Delhi-110001. He is requested to follow up the
matter and report the latest development.


05.7.2001
(M. Roy)

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Ms. Sangita Gairola,
Joint Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs (IS),
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Madam,

I am to state that Office Order No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) dated July 3, 2001 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, sanctioning visit of the Commission to the U.K. has been received by FAX on July 3, 2001, before receipt of which the said visit had to be postponed in view of the facts and circumstances stated in D.O. No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/185 dated July 3, 2001 of the Secretary addressed to you with a copy endorsed to the High Commission of India, London, besides another.

In the context of above office Order I am directed to state as follows :-

- (a) that the visit to the U.K. be rescheduled from July 16, 2001 to 6th August, 2001 including the journey time;
- (b) that having regard to the facts that Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of National Archives, in his D.O. No.25-2(9)/2001-CC dated July 3, 2001 received by FAX today has expressed his inability to accompany the Commission to London due to his serious eye troubles and has requested the Commission to accept Smt. Krishna Dey, Assistant Director of Archives, National Archives of India, as his substitute for the purpose of the aforesaid visit and that his such request has been acceded to, necessary orders may be obtained in this regard,
- (c) that as regards the proposal regarding purchase of air-tickets through the Exchange Vouchers of Air-India, it may kindly be noted that as the Commission has no Exchange Voucher facilities for availing AIR India Tickets, the Commission may be allowed to draw advance of cash for purchase of air-tickets for direct flight of the Chairman and the Secretary by Air-India from Calcutta to London on July 16, 2001;

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- (d) that fees for Visa is to be borne by the Commission from its fund;
- (e) that necessary Order approving the rescheduled tour programme, drawal of advance of cash for purchase of air-tickets, payment of fees for Visa of the U.K. from Commission's fund may kindly be conveyed as quickly as possible to avoid further postponement of the tour programme and rescheduling the same afresh; and
- (f) that a copy of this letter be sent forthwith to all other authorities concerned including the High Commission of India, London for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Sell
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/189/1(5) Dated : 04.07.2001.

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- 3) Mr. Vikas Swarup, Counsellor (Pol.), High Commission of India, London, U.K., (FAX 0044 20 78364331),
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P. K. Sengupta
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You are requested to make reservation of accommodations in your Hotel as follows :-

S.N o.	Name & Status of the Guest	Type of accommodation	Flight details of Arrival	Flight details of Departure
1.	Justice M.K. Mukherjee	One Apartment Suite	17.07.01 at 1015 hours by AI-123	05.08.2001
2.	Mr.P.K. Sengupta Secretary	One Single Room	17.07.01 -do-	05.08.2001
3.	Mrs.Krishna Dey, Assistant Director	One Single Room	17.07.01 -do-	05.08.2001

You are also requested to send your bills for Room Rent and Certified Official telephone calls to us for settlement in due course. In so far as other payments are concerned, the guests may please be advised to settle them directly before check-out from the Hotel.

Sd/-
 (R.K. Kalra)

First Secretary(Protocol)

✓ Copy to Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director(CNV), MEA, South Block, New Delhi (Fax No. 00-91-11-379 4587).

Warm regards,

FND PLS PAB

(R.K. Kalra)

First Secretary(Protocol)

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No. I/12014/10/2001- IS (D.III)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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New Delhi, the 4th July 2001

To,

- ✓ (1) Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.
- (2) Shri G.B.Singh,
Director (History Division),
Ministry of Defence,
3/West Block- 8, Wing I,
R.K.Puram,
New Delhi.
- (3) Shri Sanjay Sinha,
Deputy Director,
Intelligence Bureau,
New Delhi.
- (4) Smt. Krishna Dey,
Asstt. Director of Archives,
National Archives of India,
Janpath,
New Delhi- 110001.
- (5) Smt. Archana Ranjan,
Director,
Prime Minister's Office
South Block,
New Delhi.

Subject: Filling of original or authenticated copies of the documents
relied upon by the deponents.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to send herewith letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated 30th May, 2001 from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and a Petition dated May 25, 2001 with enclosures thereto wherein Shri Nandlal Chakrabarti, Petitioner has mentioned various documents on the subject noted above and to request that the list of documents may be gone through and if necessary, submit an affidavit before the Commission directly.

2. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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(V.P. BHATIA)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
'B' Block, (Third Floor)
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Calcutta 700 087

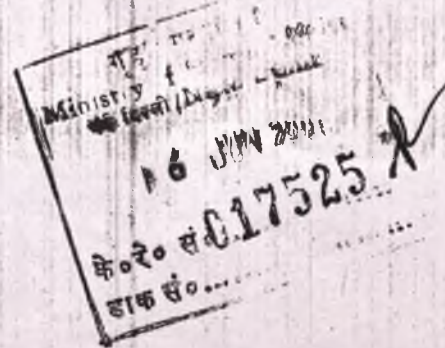
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Special Duty - 252-2765
Office - 252-2766/68

No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/ Calcutta, dated, the 30th May, 2001.
2000-2001/67/132.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi- 110001.



Sub : Filing of original or authenticated
copies of the documents relied upon
by the deponents.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/67/263 dated September 20, 2000 wherewith xerox copies of some affidavits/supplementary affidavits of some deponents including the affidavit dated February 17, 2000 and two supplementary affidavits dated July 28, 2000 and August 25, 2000 filed on behalf of Shri Jyotish Chandra Bose and eight others were sent to you to enable the Ministry of Home Affairs and the other concerned Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India to file their respective counter-affidavits, if any, duly sworn in by their competent Officers, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India responding to the allegations/contentions/ averments concerning them in the said affidavits.

I am directed to state that till now no reply or counter-affidavit has been received in this matter from any of the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and that Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, one of the co-deponents of the aforesaid affidavits/supplementary affidavits, has filed a petition dated May 25, 2001 with an enclosure thereto wherein he has mentioned various documents referred to in their aforesaid affidavits/supplementary affidavits and urged upon

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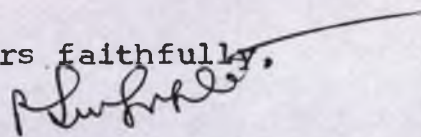
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the Commission to take immediate steps for production of those documents by the appropriate authorities as the said documents, as claimed by the said deponents, have significant bearing on the issues under consideration of the Commission.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to arrange to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents mentioned in the said petition and its enclosure filed by Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, xerox copies of which are enclosed.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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BEFORE THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

IN THE MATTER OF :

Notification No. S.O.339-(E) published
in the Gazette of India, Extra Ordinary
dated 14.5.1999;

AND

IN THE MATTER OF :

Notification No. Notfn/010/99/JMCI
dated 3rd December, 1999;

AND

IN THE MATTER OF :

Shri Jyotish Chandra Bose, resident of
6A, Bepin Pal Road, Calcutta - 700 026
and OTHERS.

The humble submission of the Petitioners is as under :

We have submitted to the Hon'ble Commission a list of documents referred to in our original Petition and supplementary affidavits. To facilitate the Hon'ble Commission's work, further, in this regard, certain important documents, culled from the list already submitted, are mentioned below. We hereby, urge upon the Commission to take immediate steps for production of them by the appropriate authority as they have significant bearing on the issue under consideration of the Commission.

As a reminder to the Hon'ble Commission about the documents mentioned in our list already submitted. A copy of the said list is annexed as ANNEXURE - '01'.

1. The 'Contemporary official documentary records' on the basis of which Prime Minister Morarji Desai refused to accept the reports of Shahnawaz Committee and Khosla Commission as conclusive in 1978 on the floor of the Parliament. Sri Desai's statement was reiterated by Sri Dhaniklal Mondal as the official stand of the Government on the floor of the Parliament on April 11 1979.

(Ref : Page - 83, Subpara - IX of the original Affidavit)

2. The secret report of the then Indian Ambassador to Soviet Union K.P.S. Menon's interview with Stalin which dwelled on Netaji's existence in Soviet Russia in February 1953. It was referred to in the Life Magazine dated the 27th February 1953. A xerox copy of the relevant page of the said magazine has been annexed to our original Petition as annexure 'D' (page-211)

3. Mountbatten's Diary (No.172 IN PRD)
File NO. 4/23/71-N.C. of (1970) (Inquiry Commission)
(Subject : 'Death of Chandra Bose' - Summary of records in the Mountbatten's Diaries).

(Ref : Page 40-42 : Annexure 'Y' of the Supplementary Affidavit - 1).

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Original letter
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Shri Asok Gupta, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, submitted to the Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970) on 13th September, 1970.

(Ref : Page 60-63 : Annexure - 'D1' Colly of the Supplementary Affidavit 1).

5. Entire Report of SACSEA Commission 1, relating to Subhas Chandra Bose and I.N.A.
(Ref : Page 128, Sub para - IX of the original Affidavit).

6. Entire Allied Secret Report, Subject : Subhas Chandra Bose. (Ref: Page 128, Sub para-IX of the original Affidavit).

7. Entire Report of SEATIC SECTION INTELLIGENCE ASSAULT UNIT. 7TH IND DIV ALF SIAM with all the SEATIC documents 128.
(A portion of the said report was submitted to both Netaji Inquiry Committee and Netaji Inquiry Commission).
(Ref : Page - 128, sub para XII of the original Affidavit).

8. Entire Report of C.I.C. (Combined Intelligence Corp). (Ref : Page - 161, Annexure - 'B' of the original Affidavit).

9. The entire report of S.A. Iyer placed before Netaji Inquiry Commission by the Government of India. As referred to in this report, Col. Tada told

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Mr. Iyer : "After the end of the war when Japan surrendered,
Terrauchi took all responsibilities to help Netaji
to reach Russian territory" "

(Netaji Inquiry Commission Proceedings)

(Ref: Page 112, sub para - V of the original Affidavit).

10. The urgent message of Mr. Finney, the
Deputy Director of Intelligence Bureau of the British
Government attached to Mc.Arthur's Head Quarter at Tokyo,
sent to his higher authority in India.

(Netaji Inquiry Commission 1970, Exhibit No. COM 28/V)

(Ref : Page 112 - 113, Sub para VI of the original affidavit).

11. The report of British Intelligence
team's interrogation of General Bhonsle.

(Report of Lt.Col. MCKWRIGHT, Exhibit No : COM/28/V)

(Ref : Page-113, Sub para - VII of the original Affidavit)

Dated at Calcutta
the 25th May 2001.

Nandalal Chakrabarti
J.M.C.I - II C.
(Nandalal Chakrabarti)

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IMPORTANT POINTS/DOCUMENTS/RECORDS REFERRED ^{TO} IN PETITION NO - JMCI/11

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" THE ALLEGED PLANE CRASH AND ^{THE} SO CALLED DEATH NEWS"

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1. <u>DOMEI NEWS AGENCY'S ANNOUNCEMENT</u> "MR. BOSE LEFT SINGAPORE ON AUGUST 16, BY AIR FOR TOKYO HE WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN HIS PLANE CRASHED AT TAIHOKU AIRFIELD AT 2 PM ON AUGUST 18. HE WAS GIVEN TREATMENT IN HOSPITAL IN JAPAN WHERE HE DIED AT MIDNIGHT.	56 sub para I
2. AT PAGE 100 IN HIS BOOK "UNTO HIM A WITNESS", S.A. AYER SAID 'THEN THEY (JAPANESE) WANTED ME TO DRAFT THE ANNOUNCEMENT. I DICTATED A DRAFT, FRANKLY SPEAKING, I WAS NOT INCLINED TO BELIEVE THEIR STORY.....'	58 - 59 PARA-51
3. CAPTAIN BIREN CHAKRABORTY'S (C.S.D.I.C) EVIDENCE BEFORE NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION (1970). "AFTER ANALYSING ALL THE REPORTS THERE WERE IN HAND AT THE TIME IN THE C.S.D.I.C., IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT COLONEL HABIB-UR-RAHAMAN TOLD LIES OR THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONCEALED FACTS."	62 - 66 PARA-59 AT PAGE 63
4. A CHART CONTAINING CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS OF HABIB-UR-RAHAMAN	161 - 164 ANNEXURE-B

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5. DR.YUSHIMI'S CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS BEFORE ALLIED INTELLIGENCE ON 19.10.46,BEFORE NETAJI INQUIRY COMMITTEE (1956) FROM 21.5.56 to 23.5.56 AND BEFORE NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION (1970) ON 24.4.71	165 - 166 ANNEXURE - C <i>all available docs supplied forwarded to Commission</i>
6. THE THEN VICEROY OF INDIA, LORD WAVELL'S REMARK. "I WONDER IF THE JAPANESE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE'S DEATH IN AN AIRCRASH IS TRUE. I SUSPECT IT VERY MUCH, IT IS JUST WHAT WOULD BE GIVEN OUT IF HE MEANT TO GO UNDERGROUND"	78 PARA - 69
7. EXTRACT FROM ALLIED LAND FORCES SOUTH EAST ASIA WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REVIEW NO 57 FOR WEEK ENDING 2ND NOVEMBER.	79 - 80 SUBPARA (111)
8. PROCEEDINGS OF A.I.C.C. MEETING ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1945	80 SUBPARA (V)
9. CONDOLENCE MOTION OF THE CALCUTTA CORPORATION ON 28TH AUGUST,1945	80 - 81 SUB PARA (VI)
10. REPLY OF LORD MOUNTBATTEN ON 10TH MARCH, 1978 TO ^{THE} LETTER OF SHRI N.G.GOREY, THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, DATED 27TH FEB, 1978. "THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL RECORD OF SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE'S DEATH IN HIS ARCHIVES."	82 - 83 SUB PARA (VIII)

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11. REPLY OF A.E. PORTER ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO A QUESTION OF YUVRAJ DUTTA SINGH REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF NETAJI ON 6.11.46: " GOVERNMENT ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE AN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT ON THE QUESTION".	176 - 177 ANNEXURE - F
12. A CREMATION CERTIFICATE IN THE NAME OF ICHIRO-OKURA WAS PRODUCED.	78 PARA - 67
13. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE TRANSFER OF POWER (VOLUME - VI) DOCUMENTS OF TRANSFER OF POWER (VOLUME-VI) CLEARLY PROVES THAT THE BRITISH GOVT. DID NOT ACCEPT NETAJI'S ALLEGED DEATH IN AN ALLEGED AIRCRASH ON 18TH AUGUST 1945. BRITISH INDIA GOVERNMENT ALSO FACED A SERIOUS DILEMMA ^{MM} REGARDING THE COURSE OF THEIR "TREATMENT OF BOSE".	90 - 96 PARA - 80
14. THE THEN PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA SHRI MORARJI DESAI'S STATEMENT ON THE FLOOR OF LOKSABHA ON 28th AUGUST, 1978.	83 SUB PARA (IX)
15. DEATH OF CHANDRA BOSE - SUMMARY OF RECORDS IN THE MOUNTBATTEN DIARIES (NO. 172 IN PRD) RELATING TO THIS EVENT. FILE NO. 4/23/71-N.C. OF (1970) (inquiry commission)	SUPPLIMENTARY AFFIDAVIT - ONE 40 - 42 ANNEXURE - 'Y'

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<p>16. AFFIDAVIT OF SHRI ASOK GUPTA, UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NEW DELHI, BEFORE THE NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION (1970) ON 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1970</p> <p>"IN SHRI R.C.IYER AFFIDAVIT DATED THE 6TH JUNE, 1972, ... THE POSITION REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF GENERAL MAC-ARTHUR'S PAPERS IN THE U.S.A. HAS BEEN STATED.</p>	<p>SUPPLIMENTARY AFFIDAVIT-ONE</p> <p>ANNEXURE - D1COLY 60-63 AT PAGE 61-62 SUB PARA - IX</p>
<p>17. RE-APPRIASAL OF NEHRU, A PRELIMINARY STUDY - AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN INDIA POST. (U.S.A.) DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1995.</p> <p>"THIS BRINGS US BACK TO THE SUBJECT OF THE NETAJI PAPERS WHICH ARE STILL LANGUISHING IN 'MOHAMMED YUNUS'S HOUSE....." (LAST PARA)</p>	<p>SUPPLIMENTARY AFFIDAVIT-ONE</p> <p>ANNEXURE - E1 68</p>
<p>18. WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ?</p> <p>- ANINDYA SENGUPTA'S REPORT.</p>	<p>ANNEXURE - K1 85-87 of SUPPLIMENTARY AFFIDAVIT-ONE</p>
<p>19. REPORT OF HEAD QUARTER 'SACSEA COMMISSION NO 1, SAIGON, 18th OCTOBER, 1945.</p>	<p>128 (MENTIONED) SUB PARA - (IX)</p>
<p>20. ENTIRE REPORT OF SACSEA COMMISSION 1, RELATING TO SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE AND I.N.A.</p>	<p>MENTIONED IN PAGE 128 SUB PARA (X)</p>
<p>21. ENTIRE ALLIED SECRET REPORT, SUB SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE</p>	<p>MENTIONED IN PAGE 128 SUB PARA - (XI)</p>
<p>22. ENTIRE REPORT OF SEATIC SECTION INTELLIGENCE ASSAULT UNIT. 7TH IND DIV ALF SIAM WITH ALL THE SEATIC DOCUMENT 128.</p>	<p>MENTIONED IN PAGE 128 SUB PARA - (XII)</p>

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23. ENTIRE REPORT OF C.I.C. (COMBINED INTELLIGENCE CORE) OF INQUIRY COMMISSION 1973	MENTIONED IN PAGE-161 ANNEXURE-B OF THE ORIGINAL PETITION.
24. HIKARI KIKAN SIGNAL NO - 2. "...HIS BODY HAS BEEN FLOWN TO TOKYO BY THE FORMOSAN ARMY. I HAVE THANKED THE FORMOSAN ARMY FOR THEIR KINDNESS.	108 - 109 PARA -- 97
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1. NETAJI'S LETTER TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR, TOKYO, MR. JACOB MALIK.	179-181 ANNEXURE-H
2. SOVIET RUSSIA GAVE RECOGNITION TO PROVISIONAL GOVT. OF AZAD HIND (ARCHIVAL FILE NO-265/INA)	104 SUB PARA - C
3. BRITISH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE REPORT. [11] "...AT THE TIME ... THIS FACT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT THERE WAS ANY PLAN ON THE PART OF THE HIKARI KIKAN TO ALLOW BOSE TO ESCAPE AND TO PUBLISH FALSE STORY REGARDING HIS DEATH" 273/I.N.A. PAGE 13-15	106-108 PARA-96 AT PAGE 106-107 SUB PARA C
(1) "...IN DECEMBER, 1944..... S.C. BOSE HAS LEFT FOR MOSCOW AND WAS SOON EXPECTED BACK IN TOKYO."	106 PARA - 96 SUB PARA-(a)
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4. STATEMENT OF JAPANESE WITNESSES ABOUT THE PLAN OF
NETAJI.....BEFORE NETAJI INQUIRY COMMITTEE (1956)
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1) GENERAL ISODA (CHIEF OF HIKARI KIKAN) SAID
"IT WAS HIKARI KIKAN'S PLAN TO ALLOW BOSE TO
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1970, PAGE 3016)

11) HACHIYA (JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO AZAD HIND
GOVERNMENT) SAID THAT HE "INFORMED NETAJI
THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WAS WILLING TO
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIFTING HIM TO SOME
SAFE AREA.

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111) COL TADA, ONE OF THE STAFF OFFICERS OF
F.M. TERRAUCHI, (SUPREME COMMANDER, Japanese
SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND) TOLD "AFTER THE END
OF THE WAR WHEN JAPAN SURRENDERED, TERAUCHI
TOOK ALL RESPONSIBILITIES TO HELP NETAJI...
..... TO REACH RUSSIAN TERRITORY"
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(iv) MR. FINNEY, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTELLI-
GENCE BUREAU OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT
ATTACHED TO MAC-ARTHUR'S HEAD QUARTER AT
TOKYO, IN AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM BANGKOK
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"ON NOVEMBER 12, 1945, HE EXAMINED A MAN
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(v) AFTER RECEIVING THIS MESSAGE, INTELLIGENCE TEAM RESUME FRESH INTERROGATION OF GENERAL BHONSLE. THE TEAM RECORDED "WHAT WE FEARED, IT HAPPENED EXACTLY SO. BUT HE (BHONSLE) ADMITTED THAT HE HIMSELF AND HABIBUR RAHAMAN, LT. GEN. ISODA AND COL. KAGWA HAD A MEETING WITH BOSE. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT THEY DISCUSSED HOW BOSE COULD BE SENT TO HIS DESTINATION." HE ONLY SAID, IF ANY BODY OF HIS TRUSTED MEN KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE REAL PLAN OF NETAJI THEN NONE WILL SAY IT NOW". (REPORT OF LT. COL. MCKWRIGHT, EXHIBIT NO: COM /28/V)	113-114 SUB. PARA (VI)
(vi) JUSTICE KHOSLA, CHAIRMAN OF NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION 1970, SAID ON ONE OCCASION : "IF THERE WAS A PLAN LIKE THIS, IT IS VERY STRONG ARGUMENT AGAINST THE FINDINGS OF THE NETAJI INQUIRY COMMITTEE, 1956". (PROCEEDINGS OF NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION, 1970. VOLUME - II, PAGES 499 AND 500 DATED 4.11.1970.)	

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1. INFORMATION INDICATING NETAJI'S ARRIVAL IN MANCHURIA. "ON THE 18TH AUGUST MORNING A MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED IN THE RED FORT RELAYED FROM TRINCOMALI FROM THE AMERICAN NAVAL INTELLIGENCE	120 - 121 PARA 116, 117
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2. NETAJI'S RADIO BROADCAST FROM SINGAPORE ON 18TH AUGUST, 1945 AT 21-15 HOURS	ANNEXURE-I 182 -183
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5. NOTE BY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (EXTRACT) (IMPORTANT) "...THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF NETAJI POSSIBLY UNDERGROUND..." 14TH SEPTEMBER 1945 TRANSFER OF POWER-VOLUME-VI, DOCUMENT NO. 109, PAGE - 262	93 SUB PARA - (IV)

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6. A.P.I. REPORT ON 29TH AUGUST, 1945. "THE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT ASSERTED THAT SUBHAS WAS ALIVE AND SEEN FOUR DAYS AGO IN SAIGON."	ANNEXURE - J PAGE - 184
7. BRITISH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE REPORT. (IMPORTANT) (1)"..... NEHRU RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BOSE HE WANTED TO ESCAPE TO INDIA. HE WOULD COME VIA CHITRAL." (11)"MORADOFF, THE RUSSIAN VICE CONSUL GENERAL (TEHRAN) DISCLOSE IN MARCH THAT BOSE WAS IN RUSSIA ..." FILE NO - 273/INA PAGES 38 AND 39	124 SUB PARA - F
8. DECLASSIFIED C.I.A. DOCUMENTS (IMPORTANT) "...ON 20TH FEBRUARY 1964RELATED A STORY CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE RETURN OF ONE SUBAS (OR SUBHAS) CHANDRA BOSE.	ANNEXURE - L 186 -197 AT PAGE - 196.
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10. THE REPORT OF 'INTERPRESS' A GERMAN INTELLIGENCE MAGAZINE, DATED 28/10/1949 (V. IMPORTANT)	ANNEXURE - N 206 - 210

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11. LATE MATURAMALINGA THEVAR'S PRESS STATEMENT ON 3RD APRIL, 1956 THAT HE MET NETAJI IN CHINA, IN THE YEAR 1949.	ANNEXURE - P 212 - 213
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13. (a) NETAJI IN RED CHINA - 'SARAT BOSE ASSERTS GOVT., POSSESS INFORMATION' (THE NATION, CAL-1949) (b) IS NETAJI DEAD AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY P.C.KAR. (c) SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL'S SPEECH ON THE FLOOR OF THE PARLIAMENT ON THE MOTION REGARDING REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (1970) ABOUT NETAJI, ON AUGUST 3, 1977.	SUPPLIMENTARY AFFIDAVIT - ONE 28 - 33 A ANNEXURE - 'W' colly

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1. ON THE 1ST JULY, 1945 AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN SIMLA NEHRU SAID "...IT WAS, HOWEVER, A DIFFERENT MATTER AS TO UNDER WHAT CONDITION HE (SUBHAS BOSE) WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO INDIA." (EVIDENCE OF DWIJENDRANATH BOSE BEFORE NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION 1970)	133 PARA - 120 SUB PARA - I
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5. LATE MATHURAMALINGA THEVAR, M.L.A. (MADRAS) APPEARED BEFORE NETAJI INQUIRY COMMITTEE AS WITNESS AND PUT FORWARD SOME QUESTIONS WHICH WAS PUBLISHED ON 5TH APRIL, 1956.	136-138 SUB PARA - VII
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✓ 7. IN A LETTER DATED 9TH DECEMBER, 1998, DR. AMALENDU GUHA, A PROMINENT ECONOMIST, * RESIDING AT OSLO, NORWAY, REQUESTED THE PRIME MINISTER OF BRITAIN MR.TONY BLAIR TO LET HIM KNOW AS TO WHETHER ; a) INDIAN SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE'S NAME HAD BEEN RECORDED AS WAR-CRIMINAL b) BY WHOM (WHICH GOVERNMENT) c) SINCE WHEN	139 SUB PARA - X AND ANNEXURE - U 221 <i>reply sent to Commission</i>

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has asked us to send them the exhibits/documents called for by and /or filed before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee alongwith the complete proceeding of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee incorporating the orders/directions passed by the said Committee from time to time.

EA Division(JK Registry) had earlier forwarded to NGO Section some files on the proceedings of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee, 1956, vide their notes no. C/551/14/90-JP dated 16.05.2000, S-470/EAI/2000 dated 08.12.2000, No.Nil dated 08.01.2001 and S-34/EAI/01 dated 18.01.2001. The relevant files had been sent by NGO to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry but as per the Commission, these files do not contain the complete proceedings / exhibits/documents called for by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee. Therefore, the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to provide all these documents.

In view of the above, Director(China) is kindly requested to direct JK Registry to send us all the remaining documents pertaining to the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee which may be in their possession or may be available in the R&M Section to enable us to forward them to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

As the Commission desired to have these documents immediately, urgent action is requested.

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(Narinder Chauhan)

Director (CNV)

July 5, 2001.

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

5th July, 2001

Dear Shri Roy,

Please refer to para 8 of the status report enclosed with your letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow Up)/48(Vol.II)/161(5) dated 19.6.2001 regarding Action Taken Report in the matter pertaining to the exhibits/documents of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee.

Though the records of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee which were available in the Ministry have already been sent to the Commission by us and there is no likelihood of locating further records yet we are still making our best efforts in coordination with the concerned Division of this Ministry to ensure if some other records in this regard can be located. If some other records are found, these would be forwarded to the Commission immediately.

This is for the interim information of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Nc
(Narinder Chauhan)

Shri M.Roy,
Officer on Special Duty
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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No. I/12014/6/2001-IS (D.III)
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

New Delhi, the 3rd July, 2001

OFFICE ORDER

Subject : Visit of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Dr. S.C. Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India to U.K. to study the de-classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witnesses from 7th to 28th July, 2001.

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded to the visit of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Dr. S.C. Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India to U.K. to study the de-classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain witnesses from 7th to 28th July, 2001.

2. The deputation will be from 7.7.2001 to 28.7.2001 including journey time. The number of days may be adjusted inter-se if necessary. The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman, Secretary and DG, NAI have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad :-

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| a) | Pay & Allowances: | The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India. |
| b) | Air Fare (Tickets to be purchased through Exchange Vouchers of | The cost of to and fro air ticket for Chairman (First Class); Secretary (economy class) will be |

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- Air India only.) borne out of the Budget Grant allocated to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and for DG, NAI (club class) will be borne out of the Budget Grant allocated to Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Deptt. of Culture.
- c) Airport Tax: As levied by Airport authorities of various countries and will be borne by JMCI and Deptt. of Culture.
- d) Cash Allowances: Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Dr. S.C. Sarkar, DG, NAI will be entitled to draw Cash Allowances @ US \$ 75 per day for 14 days i.e. from 8.7.2001 to 21.7.2001 and @ US \$ 56.25 from 22.7.2001 to 27.7.2001 (6 days) or the actual period of stay in U.K. i.e. @ US \$ 1387.5 to each.
- e) Hotel Accommodation: At London: To be arranged by HCI, London for all members of the delegation and the expenditure will be borne by JMCI and Deptt. of Culture.
- f) Excess baggage: 5 Kg. to Chairman. (both ways)
- g) Contingencies: Rs. 4000/- to Chairman only.
@ Rs. 200/- per day
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actual stay.

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h) Transport: Transport will be arranged by HCI, London. The expenditure would be borne by JMCI and Deptt. of Culture.

4. Other entitlements will be as laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 19036/7/83-E.IV dated 7.11.84 as amended from time to time.

5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Dr. S.C. Sarkar, DG, National Archives of India.

6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Deptt. of Culture, during the year 2001-2002.

7. The deputation has been approved by the Competent Authority/Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide I D No. 572/E.IV/2001-DC dated 02.07.2001.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the IF Desk (Home) vide their Dy.No. 1013/Fin.I/2001 dated 03.07.2001.

(V.P.BHATIA)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel. No. 3015700

No.I/12014/6/2001-IS (D.III)

Dated the 3rd July, 2001

Copy to:-

1. Accounts Officer, Regional Pay & Accounts Office, (CISF), Ministry of Home Affairs, 15/1, Chowringhee Square, 4th Floor, Kolkata-700 069.

2. Assistant Controller of Accounts, Pay & Accounts Department, Department of Culture, National Archives of India Annexe Building (2nd Floor), Janpath, New Delhi.
3. Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block, (3rd Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Road, Kolkata-700 087.
4. Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.), Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (3rd Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Road, Kolkata-700 087.
5. Dr. S.C. Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi.
- ✓ 6. Ms. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi with the request that all arrangements for the delegation at British High Commission London may please be made to avoid any inconvenience to the delegation.
7. FA (Home), MHA, New Delhi.
8. Cash-I/ Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
9. Finance I Desk, MHA, New Delhi.
10. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure (E-IV), North Block, New Delhi.
11. Smt. Kasturi Gupta Menon, Joint Secretary, Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.
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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/181

Calcutta, dated, July 2, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)
Secretary

To
The Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi - 110 001

Subject : Visit of the Commission to London for study of files in the British Library
and examination of certain witnesses in U.K. from 7.07.2001 to 27.07.2001

Sir,

Enclosed please find a copy of the fax message dated June 29, 2001 received at about 5-30 P.M. on the same day from Mr. V.P. Bhatia, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, which is self-explanatory.

In view of the position revealed by the aforesaid fax message, the Commission is left with no alternative but to postpone the above-mentioned proposed visit. Revised programme of visit will be communicated to you after receiving necessary sanction from the Ministry of Home Affairs and complying with all formalities for the proposed visit. Indian High Commission in London may kindly be informed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/181/1(5)

Calcutta, dated, July 2, 2001

Copy forwarded for favour of information and necessary action to :-

1. Mr. Vidyasagar Verma, Joint Secretary (Coord.), Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs, Coordination Division - in reference to his office memorandum no. PC-927/JS(Coord,)/2001 dated June 28, 2001.
2. Mrs. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi 110 001,
3. Mr. Vikas Swarup, Counsellor (Pol.), High Commission of India, London in reference to his fax message dated 25.6.2001 addressed to Foreign, New Delhi.
4. Ms. Sangita Gairola, Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi 110 001.
5. Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of Archives, Govt. of India, National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi 110 001

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

FAX MESSAGE

(FAX NO. 033-252-2765)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

New Delhi, the 29th June, 2001.

To

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
CALCUTTA - 700 087.

Subject: Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the U.K. from 7-28 July, 2001 to study the de-classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witnesses.

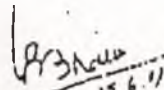
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Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 25.6.2001 addressed to Smt. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs on the subject noted above. In this connection it may be stated that the required political clearance in respect of the team of the Commission visiting U.K. has since been received from the Ministry of External Affairs vide their O.M.No. PC-927/JS(Coord)/2001 dated June 28, 2001. A copy of this O.M. is enclosed for ready reference. It is requested that the guidelines mentioned in para 3 of this O.M. may kindly be observed.

2. As regards necessary sanction for the proposed visit of the team of the Commission, it may be stated that the same is under process and has been sent to the Ministry of Finance for necessary approval. As soon as the required approval is received, the Commission will be informed about the same immediately. In this connection, it is also requested that as the issue is time-bound and lot of follow-up is required at personal level, it would be appreciated if you could depute some person who can follow-up the case at various levels for obtaining the required sanction and subsequent issue thereof.

Yours faithfully,



(V.P. BHARGAVA)

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No. JMCI/ Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-Up)/ Calcutta, dated, the 28th June, 2001.
48(Vol.II)/173 (5)

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Compliance with orders/directions
of the Commission

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48(Vol.II)/161(5) dated 19.06.2001 addressed to you for your kind perusal and necessary action. The said letter is coupled with a copy of the Status Report as on June 11, 2001 showing therein the action taken on/ compliance with the orders/directions of the Commission including those contained in the proceedings dated 04.04.2001 read with the proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, and 22.12.2000 as also orders dated 25.01.2001 in pursuance of the hearing dated 17.01.2001 of the Commission.

I am also directed to send herewith a copy of the proceedings dated June 13, 2001 of the Commission for your kind perusal and necessary action.

I am further directed to state that the Hon'ble Chairman has desired that orders/directions referred to above including those referred to in the aforesaid Status Report are to be complied with by the concerned Departments/Ministries of the Government of India and their respective supporting affidavits duly sworn by their competent Officers, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India, should be filed by July 31, 2001.

Enclo: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Proceedings dated 13.06.2001 (Ninth)
Held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta 700 007

June 13, 2001

Re: Examination of Witnesses

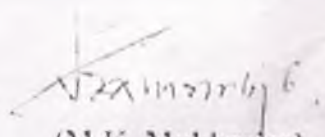
Two of the three witnesses summoned for examination today are present and they have been examined. They are : Mr. Asoke Ghosh (C.W.23) and Mr. Mubarak Mazdoor (C.W.24).

In course of examination of Mr. Ghosh, a document (marked Exhibit 26) and two volumes of the book "The Mystery of the Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" (marked Exhibit 27 collectively) have been taken in evidence on his admission. Shri Mubarak Mazdoor, in his examination, has testified that the statements made in the affidavit filed before the Commission are correct. Accordingly, his affidavit has been marked Exhibit 28. Besides, he has produced the book "India Wins Freedom", which has been marked Exhibit 29.

Smt. Prabha Jagannathan, the other witness summoned, has not appeared though served with the summons, and has prayed for an adjournment. Her prayer has been allowed. Let her be examined in Delhi when the Commission would hold its hearing there.

Re: Other matters/orders

Let copies of the Status Report as on June 11, 2001 be forwarded to the Ministries/Departments concerned for complying with the directions mentioned therein so far as they relate to their respective Ministries/Departments.


(M.K. Mukherjee)
Chairman.

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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY,
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SECRETARY FROM DIRECTOR (CNV)

Please refer to your letter no. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-200/56/Vol.II/83 & 157 dated 18.05.2001 and 18.06.2001 respectively, regarding your proposed visit to UK to study the de-classified records at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witness.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self explanatory fax received from Shri Vikas Swarup, Counsellor(Pol.), High Commission of India, London for your information and appropriate action.

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N. Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Director(CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO Vol.VI

Dated 26.06.2001

Copy for information to :

Shri Vikas Swarup, Counsellor(Pol.), High Commission of India, London, w.r.t their fax dated 25.06.2001.

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Director (CNV) from Counsellor(Pol)


Re: letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VI dated June 1, 2001 regarding visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to UK for a period of three weeks from 7th July, 2001.

We will arrange accommodation for the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission as well as for Dr. Dr. S.C. Sarkar, DG, National Archives. However, kindly send the sanction as soon as possible.

We would also need sanction for hiring of transport for the Commission members. Currently, a hired car costs approximately £ 200/- per day for an eight-hour period.

It has not been indicated whether the Commission is contacting the witnesses directly or the High Commission is expected to contact them, as was done the last time the Commission was expected to visit. Grateful for a clarification at the earliest.

from Hyderabad


(Vikas Swarup)
Counsellor(Pol)
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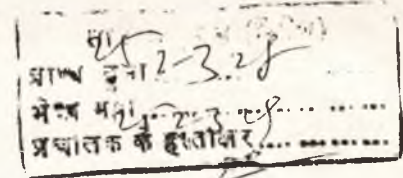
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No. JMCI/ DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/Vol.II/166. Calcutta, dated, the 25th June, 2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Ms. Sangita Gairola,
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs (IS),
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry to the U.K. to
study the declassified records pertaining
to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the
British Library and to examine certain
persons as witnesses - political clearance
etc.

Madam,

Kindly refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/Vol.II/157 dated June 18, 2001, a copy of which is reported to be handed over to you on 19.06.2001 by Shri A.K. De, Private Secretary to the Commission personally to expedite the matter.

It is learnt from Shri De that Government approval, financial sanction, political clearance, etc. for the proposed visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to the U.K. with effect from July 7, 2001 are yet to be accorded.

You will kindly appreciate that to stick to the programme of the Commission to visit to the U.K. from 07.07.2001 to 27.07.2001, it is essential that all preparations must be made without any further delay since the time available is already too short and since any further delay in getting necessary clearance from the Government of India will make it very difficult to stick to the programme.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly arrange to expedite the matter and instruct the concerned Pay and Accounts Office in Calcutta to issue Cheques immediately on presenting bill(s) for advance for the tour.

This is extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Copy forwarded to Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001, for information and necessary action.

(P.K. Sengupta)
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No. JMCI/ Meeting-Proceedings(Follow Up)/ -Calcutta, dated, the 19.06.2001.
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From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
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Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

(M. Roy)

Encl : As stated.

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Yours faithfully,

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The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested in Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/41 dated April 24, 2001 to send to the Commission

the present address of Mr. Lochner, if he is still alive, so that the Commission may communicate with Mr. Lochner and request him to produce documents, if any, in support of his claim that Netaji was captured by the Americans and was executed on the charge of treason. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in their letter dated May 10, 2001, requested inter alia the Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Washington, (U.S.A.) to furnish the information required by the Commission regarding Mr. Lochner and a copy of the said letter dated May 10, 2001 has been endorsed to the Commission. The Commission has in the meantime obtained from the local American Centre, through Internet, the information that Mr. Lochner died on January 8, 1975 in West Germany.

17. Re : The report captioned, "Sleeping Bomb lies in Netaji Vault" authored by Shri Chandan Nandy and published in the Telegraph, Calcutta edition, dated March 26, 2001.

In terms of the reply received from the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, contained in their letter dated 17.05.2001, the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been furnished with a xerox copy of the above report and has been requested in Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/108 dated May 28, 2001 to send to the Commission a detailed report in the matter as expeditiously as possible.

18. Re : Examination of living Japanese Witnesses

Under Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/513 dated February 7, 2001, lists of Japanese witnesses examined before Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and Justice Khosla Commission were sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with the request to obtain the present address of each of the aforesaid witnesses who are still living and furnish the same to the Commission as expeditiously as possible to enable it to prepare a programme for examination of all the available witnesses in Japan. In response thereto, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India sent to the Commission a list of contact addresses of the Japanese witnesses. In Commission's letter dated April 11, 2001, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government

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of India, was informed about the desire of the Hon'ble Chairman to visit Japan for the purpose of examination of living Japanese witnesses as also of other competent local witnesses. They were requested to extend the help of the Indian Embassy in Japan in the matter of publication of the Notice to be issued by the Commission for its hearing and to provide personnel, like, Stenographer, Interpreter from English to Japanese and vice-versa, Assistants and other supporting personnel besides providing equipments, like, Typewriter, Tape-recorder, etc. for the purpose of proposed hearing in Japan. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in their letter dated April 27, 2001, requested the Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Tokyo, accordingly and a copy of the said letter was endorsed to this Commission. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with their letter dated May 18, 2001, sent a copy of the letter dated May 11, 2001 of the First Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan wherein the latter wanted to know inter alia the dates and duration of the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan. Further action in the matter is expected to be taken after finalisation of the tour programme of the Commission to the U.K.

19. : Re : Extension of the term of the Commission

A copy of the Notification No.S.O.429(E) dated May 14, 2001 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, dated May 14, 2001 extending the term of the Commission for another year beyond 14.05.2001 has been received.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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No. JMCI/Com/2000-2001/51/153(60)

(987) (235) Calcutta, dated, the 15th June 2001

Under Certificate of Posting

From:

Shri N.K. Panja, WBHJS (Retd)

(Ex-District & Sessions Judge)

Commissioner

NOTICE

The undersigned hereby gives notice to all concerned for their information and necessary action that he has been appointed Commissioner by the Commission for recording deposition of (1) Shri Jagannath Prosad Gupta, Pali Road, Ward No.10, Sheopurkalan, M.P., Pin: 476 337, (2) Shri Kartar Singh, Vill. Raipura, Dist. Sheopurkalan, M.P., Pin 476 227, (3) Shri Ram Bhorosi Sharma, Lok-Nirmal Bibhag, Vill. Nagda Chambal Aikat, Dist. Sheopurkalan, M.P., Pin 476 337, (4) Shrimati Dulari Bai, C/o. Shri Ram Bhorosi Sharma, Lok Nirmal Bibhag, Vill. Nagda Chambal Aikat, Dist. Sheopurkalan, M.P., Pin 476 337, (5) Shri Gurudayal Singh, Vill. & P.O. Mohana, Dist. Gawalior, M.P., and (6) the District Magistrate, Sheopurkalan, M.P. Pin 476 337.

The undersigned has accordingly fixed 13th July 2001 (Friday), 14th July 2001 (Saturday) and 16th July 2001 (Monday) for recording their deposition as per programme below :

- i. 13.07.2001 : (a) Shri Jagannath Prosad Gupta &
(b) The District Magistrate, Sheopurkalan
- ii. 14.07.2001 : (a) Shri Ram Bhorosi Sharma &
(b) Shrimati Dulari Bai
- iii. 16.07.2001 : (a) Shri Gurudayal Singh &
(b) Shri Kartar Singh

The witnesses will be examined in the Circuit House, Sheopurkalan at or about 11.30 A.M. on the above mentioned dates as per programme above. If recording of any of the aforesaid witnesses is not completed on the scheduled date the recording will be resumed on the next date at 11.30 A.M.

(N.K. Panja)
Commissioner

To
Shri Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/ Calcutta, dated, the 1st June, 2001.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the orders/directions contained in para B.5 of the proceedings dated November 23, 2000 of the Commission and to state that your Ministry sent to the Commission File No. 14(13)/FEA/56(pt-A) and File No. 14(13)/FEA/56(Pt-B) both in original, but they are yet to send to the Commission the exhibits/documents called for by and/or filed before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee, nor have they sent the complete proceedings incorporating the orders/directions passed by the said Committee from time to time.

I am, therefore, directed to state that all the exhibits/documents/records referred to above should be filed before this Commission immediately with a supporting affidavit to be sworn by a competent Officer of your Ministry, not below the rank of a Joint Secretary.

I am further directed to request you to send to the Commission an interim " Action taken Report" in the matter within four weeks from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
FREEDOM FIGHTERS' CELL, II- LEVEL, ROOM NO.201, 'C' WING
DELHI SECRETARIAT, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI - 110 002

No. F. 7(2) 97-GAD/FF /3693

Dated: 13/6/01

To

1. The Secretary to
Govt. of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block, New Delhi
- ✓ 2. The Secretary to
Govt. of India
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block, New Delhi.

- Sub: 1. Hoisting of National Flag at Qutab Minar, New Delhi.
2. Return of the remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from Japan.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a representation addressed to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi from Shri Ajay Sinyuhe Madein Bhai Chouwhann, President, All India Freedom Fighters' Successor's Organisation, New Delhi on the subject mentioned above for necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully

Encls:A/A.

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DEPUTY SECRETARY (GAD)

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Copy forwarded for information to:-

1. Shri Ajay Sinyuhe Madein Bhai Chouwhann, President, All India Freedom Fighters' Successor's Organisation, 7, Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi - 110 001.

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1 - Dated. 27.3.2007



Mrs. Sheila Dixit
Chief Minister
Delhi

Rashtriya Rajdhani Kshetra
New Delhi (old Secretariat)

Madam, We are hale and hearty here and hope you to be the same. We the members of All India Freedom Fighters' Successors' Organisation have a mind to hoist the Tricolour at Qutab Minar on 15th August 2001. It was Netaji's wish to hoist the Tricolour and his slogans to his followers were 'Delhi Chalo' and Col. Dhillon had composed the following lines "Minare Qutab Tumhe Bulai
Rara Hai. Is Tirange Ki Buland-
yon Se Saye do."

In honour of these sentiments we feel that we should follow his voice and do the needful in this matter

We have attained Independence. You should preserve independence

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Another important duty we feel is that so far during these fifty five years since Netaji's air crash on 18th August 1945 and his untimely death, no one bothered to find his remains and do the needful in this matter. Recently it has been declared by the King of Japan Sri Hare Hito that the remains are lying in Runkoji Temple ^{Tokyo Japan} and therefore we feel it is our duty to bring them back to Cuttack. (Gujarat) Netaji's birth place.

We shall feel obliged if you support our wishes and help us in fulfilling the wish of all regarding Netaji's honour.

We are determined to fulfil this at the cost of our lives if necessary.

Hope to get a favourable response from you. If possible

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I would make it a point to see
you if I visit Delhi in the
next month.

All good wishes for
your prosperity and Good-
health

Yours Sincerely
Ajay Sinyuhe Madein Bhai Chouwhaan

... Twin Brother ...

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चित्रकला 4, विक्रम संवत् 2057, 13 मार्च 2001

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Haldwani 12 March, All India Freedom Fighter Successors organisation Uttaranchal Pradesh demand to the Central Govt., that all live or soonly passaway freedom fighter of INA should also deliver National honour properly.

Mr. Ajay Singh Maiden Bhai Chauhan President All India Freedom Fighter Successors Organisation Uttaranchal Pradesh deeply demanded to the central Govt. that, the central Govt. despite made a clear order to all state Govt., that they should maintain decorum to pay national honour to all live or passaway freedom fighter in their cheer / grief movements of grate freedom fighter Nataji Subhash Chandra Bose's INA also. Mr. Chauhan says that at present patriotism honour, devotion, braveness and the principles of grate freedom fighter Nataji Subhash Chandra Bose, will not produce or to get proper publicity. This is not a good sign for the whole world.

Mr. Deepak Sijwali Secretary All India Freedom Fighter Successors Organisation Uttaranchal said, that the organisation just plan to honourly flagup our National flag at the top of Qutub Minar at New Delhi by 15th August this year.

Meanwhile, Nataji Subhash Chandra Bose has made this plan to flagup the tricolour at the top of Qutub Minar. Mr. Sijwali said. All India Freedom Fighter Successors Organisation fight in every moment to construct Grate India of Nataji's dream. The organisation once again condolence to the INA freedom fighter Padma Dutt Joshi ic Padam Singh Bisht. Alongwith, organisation feel shame or anger for not to pay due national honour to this freedom fighter P. D. Joshi by the state Govt. properly at his crimination ceremony.

All India Freedom Fighter Successors Organisation Uttaranchal has pay National honour to freedom fighter P. D. Joshi of INA with the National flags when feel the state Govt. is failure or denied.

Source- Dainik Jagran (Hindi) Bareilly

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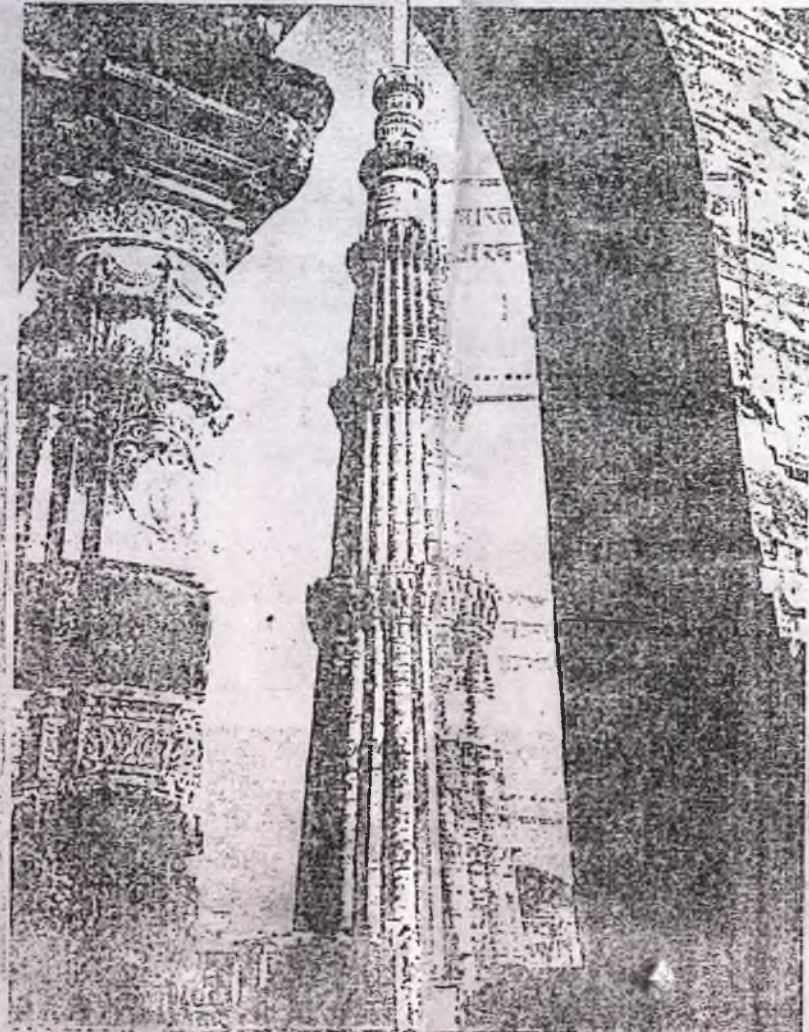
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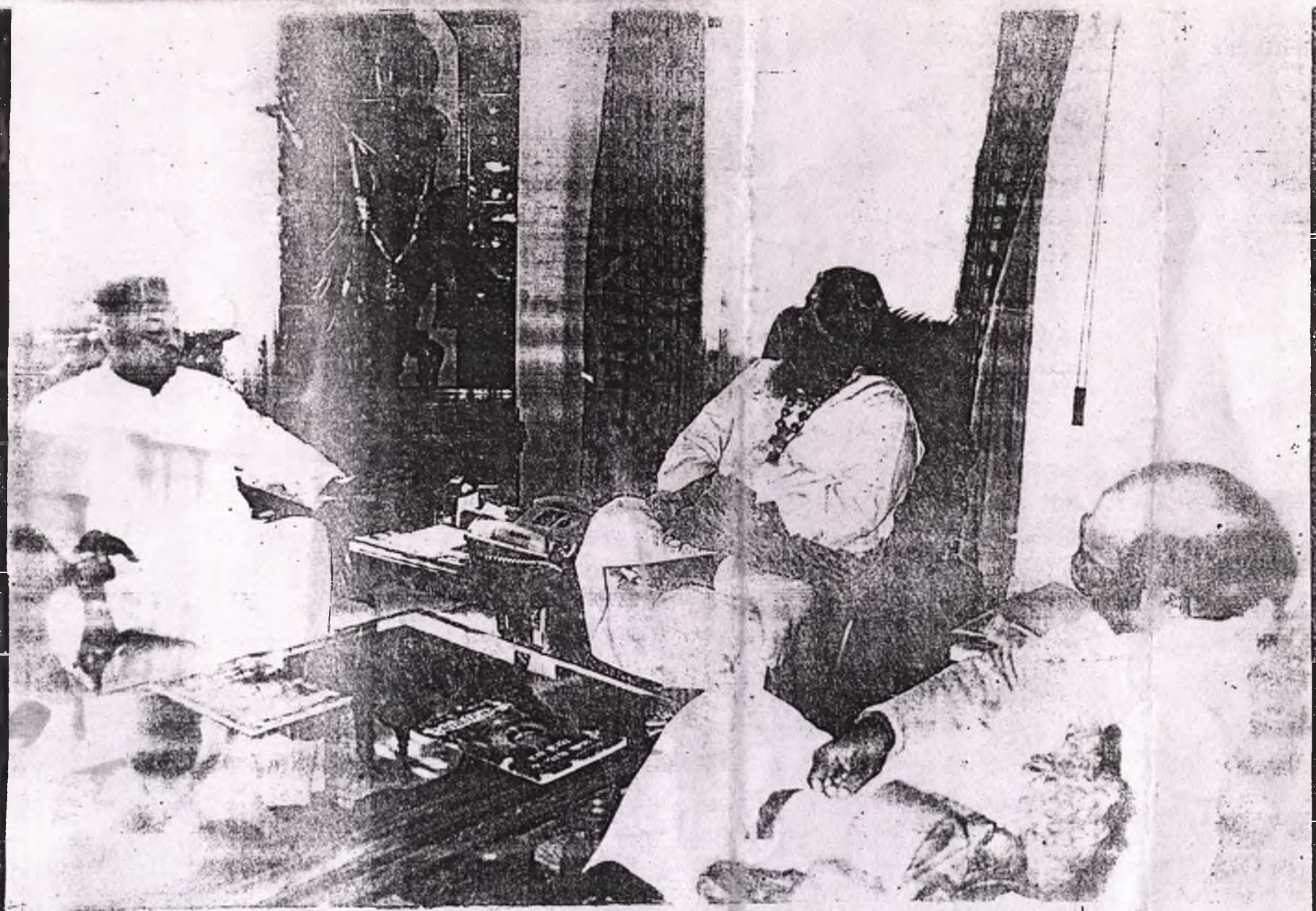
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आर्य सम्राट पृथ्वीराज चौहाण जी, महान चन्द्रवरदाई जी, बहादुर शाह जफर जी, नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोष अविभाजित भारत की संस्कृति, स्वाधीनता हेतु लड़े समरों के महानायक थे। अवसाद, शोक, दुःख की त्रासदी का संयोग है कि उक्त महामानवों के अस्थि अवशेष अपने सपनों के देश भारत से दूर विदेशों में क्रमशः कन्धार-गजनी अफगानिस्तान, मकबरा-रंगून म्यांमार, रणकोजी बौद्ध मन्दिर टोकियो जापान में अपनी देशभक्ति, जनकल्याण की भावना से कराह रहे हैं। इतिहास की कल्पनाओं को अल्पनावत साकारता देना ही क्षत्रिय पुनरुत्थान है जो इक्कीसवीं शताब्दी के सर्वगुण सम्पन्न भारत का सृजन करेगा। हम राष्ट्र को क्या दे सकते हैं, राष्ट्र हमें क्या दे रहा है-देगा-यह आशा तो गौण है। हमें राष्ट्र निर्माण करना है, सपनों का देश भारत बनाना है। इसी सपनों के देश भारत की रक्षा, सुरक्षा हेतु आर्य सम्राट पृथ्वीराज चौहाण, चन्द्रवरदाई, नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोष द्वारा विदेशस्थ भूमि पर प्राणोत्सर्ग कर आत्मीयता की परिपुष्टि हेतु अभिनव सोपान स्थापित किये थे।

हम क्या थे ? 756 वर्षों की पराधीनता ने हमें कीड़ा बना दिया है। इतिहास ही वह संजीवनी बूटी है जो मरी हुई जातियों समाजों समुदायों को जीवंत कर देती है। जिन जातियों समाजों का इतिहास नष्ट हो जाता है वह जातियां समाज कालचक्र की परिधि में अरण्य के प्राणियों के समान कालकलवित होकर विलुप्त हो जाती हैं राजपूताने का प्रख्यात शौर्य स्थानान्तरित होकर पुणे, कलकत्ता, लाहौर, दिल्ली सहित समस्त भारत में क्रान्तिकारियों के संघर्षों, फांसी के फन्दों को चूमने की ललक के रूप में अवतरित हुआ। जिसने भारत में क्रान्तिकारियों के कृतित्वों में अपनी अमिट छाप छोड़ दी।

आर्य सम्राट पृथ्वीराज चौहाण स्मृति संस्थान-भारत, आर्य सम्राट पृथ्वीराज चौहाण की स्मृतियों को अक्षुण्ण रखने हेतु संकल्पित है। उनके शव अवशेष ससम्मान भारत लाना ही पुरुषार्थ हैं चुनौतियां सदैव क्षत्रियों ने ही हाथ बढ़ाकर स्वीकारी हैं। इतिहास साक्षी है।

'राजपूत गौरव' स्मारिका क्षेत्र के क्षत्रिय समाज को सुदृढ़ता देकर प्रतापी बनायेगी। ऐसी हमारी आशा है। स्मारिका के सफल प्रकाशन हेतु हमारी हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं।

आचार्य वल्लोक्तः

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संस्थापक प्रधान, आर्य सम्राट पृथ्वीराज चौहाण,
स्मृति संस्थान, भारत

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राष्ट्रीय कार्यालय: 15-पं० गोविन्द बल्लभ पन्त जी मार्केट, हल्द्वानी-263139 (नैनीताल) भारत

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57/107(60)

Calcutta, dated, the 28th May 2001

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From
Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To
Shri Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next hearing of the Commission will be held on June 13, 2001 (Wednesday) at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon in the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta 700 007 when the Commission, besides transacting other business, may examine the following witnesses :

1. Mr. Mubarak Mazdoor, 18/2A, Balu Hakak Lane, Park Circus, Calcutta 700 017
2. Smt. Prova Jagannathan, Correspondent, The Economic Times, New Delhi.
3. Shri Asoke Ghosh, General Secretary, West Bengal Committee, All India Forward Bloc, 49A&C Chitta Ranjan Avenue, Calcutta 700 012

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/106 Calcutta, dated, the 28th May, 2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to pages 258 and 259 of the book titled, "Banhiman Netaji Subhas" written in Bengali by Dr. Satish Chandra Maikap wherein it is stated, inter alia, that the report of the India Government in the Foreign Ministry allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission was marked as Exhibit No.29-I and that the said report is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department on a secret Japanese message allegedly intercepted by the Chinese advising Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be separated from his fellow travellers at the time of his journey from Burma in an air-craft.

I am further directed to request you to kindly send to this Commission as early as possible a true copy of the said report allegedly marked as Exhibit No.29-I before the Khosla Commission. It may be mentioned here that inspite of repeated requests this Commission has not yet received the records of the proceedings of the Khosla Commission and the documents produced before the Khosla Commission in course of the inquiry by that Commission or even the documents marked as Exhibits by that Commission.

Yours faithfully,
P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market,
New Delhi, the 31st May, 2001.

To

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The ~~Secret~~ Secretary (EW),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
NEW DELHI

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a letter (in original)
No.JMCI/Overseas-witnesses/2000-01/70/30 dated the 19th
April, 2001 received from Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose, Calcutta which relates to your Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
31/05/2001
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SECTION OFFICER (F.VII)

We may if approved, forward
these papers to CNV Division,
which has files on this subject.

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I think we have already received this
letter and taken action. R. check
and confirm

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taken. It is placed at 500 65/c

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No. JMCI/Overseas-witnesses/2000-01/70/30 Calcutta, dated, the 19th April, 2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi- 110001.

Sub : Holding of hearings of the Commission
in Formosa, Russian Union and some
other concerned States created out of
erstwhile U.S.S.R. to peruse relevant
records and to examine competent
witnesses available there.

Sir,

In continuation of the Commission's letter No.
JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/503 dated 06.02.2001, I am directed
to state that the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission proposes
to visit Formosa, Russian Union and some other concerned
States created out of erstwhile U.S.S.R. to hold the hearings
of the Commission and to record evidence of the competent local
witnesses who may be interested in the hearings of the
Commission and may be willing to depose before the Commission
including those witnesses referred to in the book entitled,
"Netaji Mystery" authored by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha. A list
of those witnesses is enclosed. I am accordingly directed to
request you to kindly take up the matter with our Embassies
in those countries so that they may extend all necessary help
for publication of the required notice to be issued by the
Commission. After hearing from your end, a copy of the notice
in English will be sent to the Indian Embassies in those
countries either direct or through you for publication by them
of the respective notices in English and in the State languages
concerned.

I am also directed to request you to kindly obtain
the present address of each of the said enlisted witnesses

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referred to by Dr. Sinha, who are still alive, through the good offices of the Indian Ambassadors concerned and furnish the same to the Commission in advance.

I am further directed to state that in the interest of economy, the Hon'ble Chairman has desired that he will be accompanied by the Secretary of the Commission only during his visit to those countries in anticipation that the required personnel including Stenographers, Interpreters from English to the language of witnesses (if the same is other than English) and vice versa, Assistants and other supporting personnel as also the equipments, like, type-writer, tape recorders, etc. for the purpose of the proposed hearings would be provided by the Indian Embassies in those countries who may also be requested to take necessary action and extend all necessary help to the Commission so that the Commission can smoothly travel to those foreign countries and hold its hearings there and come back to India on completion of the tour which is likely to be for four weeks or so.

It may be mentioned here that the above programme is being made in anticipation of extension of the present term of the Commission expiring on 14.05.2001. Detailed programme of visit of the Commission to the aforesaid countries will be communicated to you on receipt of your reply to this letter.

Enclosure: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Overseas-witnesses/2000-01/70/30(2). Dated 19th April, 2001

Copy forwarded to : 1) Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.
2) Ms. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS-I),
Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of
India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
for information and favour of necessary action.

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Names and particulars of the witnesses available in Formosa/Russia as mentioned in the book entitled, 'Netaji Mystery' authored by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha.

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Sl. No. Names of the witnesses (mentioned in "Netaji Mystery" by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha)

Particulars of the witnesses furnished in "Netaji Mystery" by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha.

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1. Gen. Pao	..	He was employed in the External Affairs Department, Government of Formosa and posted at Taipeh in 1964.
2. Mr. Chuang	..	He was a Senior Officer in the Department of External Affairs, Government of Formosa, posted in New Delhi, as a Special Representative of Chinese Government.
3. Mr. Tao	..	He was a Senior Officer in the Department of Culture, Government of Formosa.
4. Mr. Yu	..	He was posted at Taipeh Airport during the Second World War. His duty was to fill in the Oil Tanks of the Aircrafts.
5. Col. Yeh	..	He was in the team of Pilots when the air-field of Kinomen island was taken over by the Formosan Government from the Japanese and before that he was posted in New Delhi in the Embassy of the Formosan Government as a Military attache.
6. Mr. Ting	..	He started his carrier as a Businessman in Taipeh in 1964. Before that he was in the Detective Department of the Chungking Government/Nationalist Chinese Government. He was also posted in Calcutta before the Second World War when he learnt Bengali.

IN RUSSIA

1. Mr. Ivan Ling	..	He is a Chinese-Russian by birth. He was a Warder of the K.G.B. Jail in Russia where Netaji was lodged as a prisoner after the Communist Party of China captured Peking from the Nationalist Government of China.
2. Mr. Yeakuttang	..	He was one of the Europeans who was captured by the U.S.S.R. and put in prison in Siberia.

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Sl. No. Name of the witnesses (mentioned in "Netaji Mystery" by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha)

Particulars of the witnesses furnished in "Netaji Mystery" by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha

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3. Mr. Goga Mukherjee

.. His parents were Abani Mukherjee and Fitingoff, a Russian lady. Abani Mukherjee was reportedly put in prison by Stalin because he allegedly requested Stalin to do justice to Subhas Chandra Bose who was languishing in the prison of Yeakutska of Siberia as alleged by Goga.

4. Mr. Majhut

.. He was the Chief of the Indian Branch of the Comintern in U.S.S.R. and was put to prison of Yeakutska in Siberia being a follower of Trotsky. Mr. Majhut had discussion with Subhas Chandra Bose on different occasions in India before the Second World War. He allegedly met Subhas Chandra Bose in the said prison in 1950-51 in Cell No. 45 thereof.

5. Smt. Vera

.. She was the Director of the Asian Secret Branch of the Comintern of U.S.S.R. during the regime of Stalin. In 1955 she used to look after the works of Asian Tourists Branch of the Intourist Department of U.S.S.R.

6. Mr. Asrakoff

.. He was an employee of the Central Asian Branch of the Intourist Department of U.S.S.R. in 1955. He got an occasion to discuss with Netaji in March 1941 and accompanied him from the border of Afganistan to Moscow as per direction of the Comintern.

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : Ms. Sangita Gairola
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
Ministry of Home Affairs (I.S.)
North Block
New Delhi - 110001.

Sub : Proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry to the U.K. to
study the de-classified records
pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra
Bose at the British Library and to
examine certain persons as witnesses

Ref : Your letter No. I/12014/6/2001-IS
(D.III) dated 16.05.2001.

Madam,

Inviting a reference to the above-quoted letter on the
aforesaid subject, I am directed to say that the revised
programme of the visit of the Commission to the U.K. is as
follows :-

- a) Expected date of departure for U.K. from Calcutta
7.7.2001
- b) Expected date of departure from London for Calcutta
28.7.2001 :-

During the aforesaid period of visit to the U.K. the
Commission will study 700 reportedly available files on
Netaji/INA. As already been intimated to you, the team of the
Commission shall consist of the Hon'ble Chairman himself and
the Secretary. Dr. S.C.Sarkar, Director General of National
Archives, has already consented to help the Commission study
the said files at the British Library and obtain Micro-Films/
Micro-Fiches of the relevant files and documents.

The Commission has also a programme to examine some
witnesses in and around London. The High Commission of India
in London has already been requested through the Ministry of

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External Affairs to contact those witnesses and ascertain their convenience to appear before the Commission during the said period. The High Commission in London has already informed the Ministry of External Affairs that they have been able to contact three witnesses. At this stage, it is not possible to fix dates of recording statements of the witnesses who may be available in and around London during the period of visit of the Commission to London. After receiving further information from the British High Commission, dates may be fixed for examination of witnesses.

I am accordingly directed to request you to move the Government for sanction of air-fare to and fro London, D.A., T.A. local transport etc. for the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission during their stay in London. As earlier requested, accommodation in London may be arranged for the team of the Commission and also Dr. S. C. Sarkar, Director General of National Archives of India.

Since the inception of the Commission, the Commission's expenditure have been booked in the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs' Budget Grant No.42 (since re-numbered as 45) under the following Head of a/c. (vide order No. 1/12014/2/99-IS(D.III dated 15.10.99 of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs) :-

"Major Head : 2070 - Other administrative services -
150 - Special Commissions of Inquiry -
02 - Other Commissions -
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the aspect of disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose."

During the years 1999-2000 to 2001-2002, funds have been allotted to the Commission a lump sum provisions without showing any Service/function-wise break-up. In the current financial year,

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the Commission has been provided with a lump sum provision of Rs.50,00,000/-, as indicated in the M.N.A. order No. 1/12014/2/99-IS(D.III) dated 24.04.2001. Till date, there is a balance of Rs.45,80,022.00.

As requested by Mr. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, in her d.o.Letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 10.05.2001, necessary sanction indicating Heads of a/c to which the expenditure is to be debited may be issued as early as possible to enable the Ministry of External Affairs to arrange accommodation, local transport etc. for the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary during the aforesaid visit of the Commission to London.

This may be treated as urgent.

Yours faithfully,

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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

BY SPEED POST

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

- ✓(1) The Director(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi - 110001.
- (2) Sri V.P. Bhatia, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi - 110001.

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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**Narinder Chauhan(Smt.)
Director(CNV)**

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

June 6, 2001

Please refer to your letter no. MOS/POL/451/1/01 dated May 8, 2001 regarding the affidavit filed by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar before the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. *SM.77/c*

S.No. 78/c
We had conveyed the contents of your letter to the Commission vide our letter of May 15, 2001, a copy of which was also endorsed to you. The Commission has, in turn, drawn our attention to para 17 of the affidavit filed by Shri Sindkar and has requested to make further efforts to locate the witnesses mentioned in the Commission's letter dated March 1, 2001(a copy of which alongwith its enclosures was sent to you earlier). The Commission has further directed to file an affidavit duly sworn by a competent officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary stating therein the details of the inquiry made for the purpose and the outcome thereof. A copy of the Commission's letter dated May 25, 2001 is enclosed.

I shall be grateful, if the necessary action as directed by the Commission vide their letter mentioned above is taken expeditiously and we are kept informed.

Yours sincerely,

(Narinder Chauhan)

**Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma,
First Secretary (POL),
Embassy of India,
Moscow.**

Copy for information to:

Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (3rd Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calutta 700 087 with reference to their letter no.JMCI/8/2000/103 dated 25th May, 2001.

re
(Narinder Chauhan)

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Calcutta, dated, the 25th May, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India
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Sir,

With reference to d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.V dated May 15, 2001 of the Director (CNV) of your Ministry wherewith a copy of the d.o. letter No.MOS/POC/451/1/01 dated May 8, 2001 of the First Secretary (Pol), Embassy of India, Moscow, addressed to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was sent to the Commission, I am directed to draw your particular attention to para 17 of the affidavit sworn and filed by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar before the Commission, a xerox copy of which was sent to you with our letter No.JMCI/8/2000/591 dated March 1, 2001 and to request you to make further endeavours to locate the witnesses mentioned in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated March 1, 2001 on the basis of the said affidavit.

I am also directed to request you to file thereafter an affidavit duly sworn by a competent Officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India, stating therein in details the inquiry made for the purpose and the outcome thereof.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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**Narinder Chauhan(Smt.)
Director(CNV)**

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

June 1, 2001

Please refer to your fax message dated 02.05.2001 regarding the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to U.K. The Commission proposes to visit UK for a period of three weeks from 07.07.2001 to study the files/records of the British Library and examine witnesses in London. The team of the Commission, as earlier intimated, will consist of the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary and also Dr. S.C.Sarkar, Director General of National Archives.

The Commission has desired that our High Commission in London may arrange accommodation for the team of the Commission and also for Dr. S.C.Sarkar. A copy of the Commission's self-explanatory letter received by us in this regard is enclosed for your information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(Narinder Chauhan)

**Shri H.S.Puri,
Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commission of India,
London(U.K.)**

Copy for information to:

Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (3rd Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calutta 700 087 with reference to their letter no.JMCI/DOC/(For)/99-2000/56(vol.II)84 dated 18th May, 2001.

(Signature)
(Narinder Chauhan)

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D.O. NO. JMCI/DOC(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)84

Calcutta, dated the 18th May 2001

Dear *Smt. Chauhan*,

Please refer to your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 10.05.01 regarding the visit of the Commission to the U.K. to study the files/records at the British Library and to examine the witnesses who may be available. The Commission proposes to visit the U.K. for the purpose for a period of three weeks from 7.7.2001. The team of the Commission, as earlier intimated, will consist of the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary. As I have already informed earlier, Dr. S.C. Sarkar, Director General of National Archives, Govt. of India, will also be going to London and he will help the Commission study the files/records at the British Library and obtain Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches of the relevant files and the documents. Obviously, Dr. Sarkar will also need accommodation in London. In fact, he has requested the Commission to take necessary action to arrange his accommodation in London to enable him to help the Commission.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly arrange accommodation for the team of the Commission and also for Dr. S.C. Sarkar.

The Ministry of Home Affairs have already been requested to issue a proper sanction indicating Head of Account to which the expenditure for accommodation, transport etc. for the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission is to be debited. You will be informed of the sanction as soon as the same is received by the Commission

Refers

Yours

sincerely,

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To
Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
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C. RAJASEKHAR
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11th May, 2001

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

Kindly refer to your letter No.25/NGO-Vol.VI dated 27th April, 2001, addressed to DCM regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. I shall be grateful if you could kindly let us know the dates and duration of the proposed visit and specify in detail the exact requirement in terms of personnel and equipment, to enable us to make necessary arrangements.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Rajasekhar

(C.Rajasekhar)

Smt. Narinder Chauhan
 Director (CNV)
 Ministry of External Affairs
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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

May 25, 2001

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, has asked us to approach the Government of USA with the request to make available to the Commission all documents, whether unclassified or declassified or classified, relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying in the custody of the CIA or its predecessor, i.e. office of the Strategic Services. A copy of the Commission's self-explanatory letter alongwith its enclosures received by us in this regard is enclosed.

I shall therefore be grateful if the matter about making available the documents in possession with the US government and its agencies to the Commission is taken up with the concerned authorities and we are informed of their response at the earliest possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Alok Prasad,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India,
Washington(USA).

Copy for information to: Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secy., Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calcutta-700 087 w.r.t. their letter nos. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol. 8) dated 4th May, 2001.

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

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Calcutta, dated the 4th May 2001

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~~JS (CNV)~~

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith xerox copies of the letter dated 16.04.2001 of Shri V.P. Saini, Chairman, Netaji Research Foundation, and its enclosures and to request you to kindly approach the Government of the U.S.A. with the request to make available to this Commission all documents, whether unclassified or declassified or classified, relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying in the custody of the C.I.A. or its predecessor, i.e., office of the Strategic Serviced.

I am further directed to state that perusal of the documents by this Commission appears to be necessary for the purpose of its inquiry, that Shri Saini has filed his statements with a supporting affidavit duly sworn by him and that, besides some other similar deponents, Shri Saini has also referred to the aforesaid U.S.A. documents.

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Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclo: As stated above.

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The always produce the result. This will happen in India also - Netaji

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Ref No _____

Date 10/4/2001

To
Sh. H. Roy, I.A.S. (Retd),
Officer on Special Duty,

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calcutta.

Subj : Submission of declassified documents/obtained from Central Intelligence Agency in Washington DC pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sir,

Jai Hind.

With reference to my meeting with your goodself on 02.04.2001, please find enclosed a photo-copy of the letter from Friends of India Society International (U.S.A.) to the Editor of the 'Organiser' and also the photo copies of the above mentioned declassified documents. These documents deserve to be considered and analysed by the honourable Commission because it refers to the possible return of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as late as on 20th February, 1964; and its impact on the Government of Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru. It may be noted that certain portions of the documents have been blackened before declassification. I very humbly appeal to the Commission to probe into the matter and try to get a copy of the uncensored documents.

I shall submit more documents and information to the Commission in the due course of time.

With kind regards,

Your's faithfully,

V. P. Saini (Chairman),

Netaji Research Foundation, Ropar. (Hb)

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November 29, 1994

DEAR EDITOR,

RECENTLY FRIENDS OF INDIA OBTAINED DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN WASHINGTON DC PERTAINING TO NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE.

MUCH OF THE INFORMATION WAS GATHERED BY OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES, THE PREDECESSOR FOR CIA DURING 2ND WORLD WAR, ABOUT NETAJI.

IT MAY INTEREST THE READERS TO KNOW THAT AS LATE AS FEBRUARY 1964 CIA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE RETURN OF NETAJI TO INDIA AND THE EFFECT OF SUCH A RETURN ON NEHRU GOVERNMENT. PLEASE SEE THE MEMO (COPY ENCLOSED).

THEY HAD ALSO KEPT CLOSE TABS ON NETAJI MOVEMENTS DURING THE WAR WITH INFORMANTS FEEDING THE INFORMATION ON REGULAR BASIS. THE NAMES OF INFORMANTS ARE BLACKED OUT OF COURSE.

ACCORDING TO A MEMO DATED MAY 23, 1946 RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, BOMBAY, INDIA;

"-----APPROACHED ME SEVERAL DAYS AGO ON THE QUESTION OF SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE, -----SAID THAT THE HOLD WHICH BOSE HAD OVER THE INDIAN IMAGINATION WAS TREMENDOUS AND THAT IF HE SHOULD RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY TROUBLE WOULD RESULT WHICH IN HIS (THE AGENT'S) JUDGMENT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO QUELL.

THE MEMO THEN GOES ON TO SEEK ANY INFORMATION BRITISH HAD REGARDING THE PLANE CRASH IN WHICH BOSE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE PERISHED AT TAIHOKU ON AUGUST 18, 1945.

"-----SAID THAT OBVIOUSLY THERE MUST HAVE BEEN NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO SAW THE PLANE CRASH AND BURN AT TAIHOKU ON AUGUST 18; THAT BOSE MUST HAVE BEEN TREATED IN A HOSPITAL BY SOME PHYSICIAN; THAT IF HE DIED THERE MUST BE PEOPLE WHO HAD FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE-----OF HIS CREMATION AND THE CEREMONIAL DISPOSAL OF HIS ASHES."

"IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD FURNISH ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO THIS CONSULATE GENERAL----- POSITIVE PROOF OF SOME KIND THAT BOSE IS DEAD WOULD BE MOST INTERESTING.

DONOVAN (THE END OF THIS MEMO)

OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE NO ANSWERS. BUT THE QUESTIONS THEY RAISE ARE OF MUCH HISTORICAL INTEREST. IF POSSIBLE RETURN OF BOSE AS LATE AS 1964 WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO CIA OBSERVERS OF INDIA, THEN OBVIOUS LAST WORD ON HIS DEMISE ALLEGED IN THAT PLANE CRASH, IS YET TO BE SAID.

ANYWAY IT WAS HIGHLY INTERESTING TO NOTE FROM THE INFORMATION OSS AND CIA HAD ON BOSE, THE GREAT ORGANISATIONAL ABILITY OF BOSE. HERE

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WAS A PERSON WHEN HE LEFT INDIA HE HAD NOTHING MORE THAN THE INCOGNITO DRESS. BUT WHEN HE RETURNED IT WAS WITH A FULL FLEDGED ARMY CONFRONTING THE WORLD SUPERPOWERS THEN, BRITISH AND AMERICAN. IT MAY BE THAT HE DID NOT PREVAIL. BUT HIS EFFORTS SHOWED HIS CONSUMMATE DIPLOMATIC SKILLS IN HARNESSING AID FROM ENEMY'S ENEMY. HIS ABILITY TO RAISE ARMED RESISTANCE SHOWED THAT AN INDIAN CAN RAISE ARMIES AND FIGHT TYRANNY EVEN UNDER MOST DISMAL CIRCUMSTANCES. IN THIS HE WAS SHIVAJI OF HIS DAY.

SINCERELY,

J. Chelvapilla

FOR FRIENDS OF INDIA SOCIETY,
G.V.CHELVAPILLA
PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF INDIA (S. CALIF)

(P.S: SUBHASH BOSE BIRTH DAY IS COMING IN JANUARY. THE PUBLICATION OF THIS INFORMATION IF POSSIBLE MAY COINCIDE WITH THAT DATE. THANKS)

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Memorandum ~~to the Secretary of State~~
Department of State

Subject: Subhas Chandra Bose

1. In reference to the American Consulate General, Bombay, India, airgram 274, dated 23 May 1946, a copy of which was made available to this organization, a search of our files indicates that there is no information available regarding subject's death that would shed any light on the reliability of the reports mentioned in the reference inquiry to the State Department.

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From: American Consulate General,
Bombay, India

Date: May 23, 1946

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Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

A-175, May 23, 1946,

[REDACTED] (b)(1)(2)(3)
[REDACTED] said that the hold which Bose (b)(1)(2)(3)
had over the Indian imagination was tremendous and that if he
should return to this country trouble would result which in his
judgment would be extremely difficult to quell.

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[REDACTED] (b)(1)(2)(3)
According to [REDACTED] (b)(1)(2)(3)
it should be relatively easy to establish beyond the shadow of a
doubt whether Bose is dead or alive. He did not seem to know
anything regarding British Intelligence reports on the subject, or
at least he pretended to know nothing. I personally am not
sufficiently familiar with events in Formosa in 1945 to know
whether British or American agents did in fact make any inquiries
regarding Bose's death. [REDACTED] asked me if I could
ascertain whether American intelligence reports substantiated
the fact that Bose actually died following the plane crash at
Taihoku on August 18, 1945. I told him that I would do so but
that I could not promise that United States Army Intelligence
had gone into the matter as our interest in the problem would,
of course, not be as great as that of Great Britain, and that
under the circumstances inquiries into Bose's death might well
have been overlooked when American forces went into Formosa.

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[REDACTED] said that obviously there must have been
a number of people who saw the plane crash and burn at Taihoku

on August 18,

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on August 18, that Bose must have been treated in a hospital by some physician; that if he died there must be people who had first-hand knowledge of his death and that there might conceivably be some record of his death; and that further, in the event of his death, there must be people alive today who had some knowledge of his cremation and the ceremonial disposal of his ashes.

If the Department could furnish any information on this subject, it would be most helpful to this Consulate General. (b)(1)
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proof of any kind that Bose is dead would be most interesting.

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This communication is #662, dated March 3, and contains Kretschmer secret report to the General Staff. The opening sentence reads as follows: "Berichtreise (Obaratgcholl) Feb. 19 und 20 Entsprechend Unterrichtet".

1. Information re Japanese Burma Army:

(A) Headquarters of Kenyo, 70 kilometers east of Mandalay. Ident. General Mitagushi is in command of 5 divisions; Lieut. General Sato is in command of one of these divisions extending from Lashio to east of Bithyina, opposite 15 Chungking divisions which are unable to attack. Lieut. General Yanagita commands 1 division which is located north and northwest of Bithyina opposite 3 relatively good Chinese divisions, with U.S. officers, located east of Bithyina. There are 3 divisions in the Mandalay, Lashio, Bithyina region opposite 5 divisions belonging to the 4th British Army.

(B) Headquarters at Prome: Lieut. General Hantaro is operating south east of Akyab with 2 divisions. Lieutenant General Hanaya commanded one of these divisions in the counter-attack against elements of the 14th British Army which, in February, had succeeded in breaking through near Taunglaw. Portions of 1 division, under Lieut. General Katamura, participated in the counter-attack, and the others were held at Akyab, in reserve.

(C) There is one reserve division located north of Rangoon with coastal protection extending from North Sandoway to Rangoon. Aside from occasional shelling from naval vessels it has had no contact with the enemy.

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(D) At Yaulpau and to the south there is one Coast Guard Brigade. It has had no contact with the enemy.

(E) 1 reserve division is gradually coming into the area northwest of Rangoon.

(F) 1 regiment of National Indian troops is in combat north of Akyab, and another is stationed on the Lango west front.

(G) There are certain Burma units which are weak and are used for anti-aircraft installations and for duty behind the front lines.

2. Information re Japanese supply lines:

(A) In all sectors great emphasis is placed on the decisive importance of supply lines.

(B) The Japanese depend exclusively on materiel furnished locally for all labor, river, road and sea craft personnel as well as for all supplies of building materials, gasoline and food. The people and the local government are giving their assistance willingly.

(C) Usually any supplies needed from overseas are transported by ship to Rangoon and, when the latter is mined, alternative use is made of Saigon or Bangkok. Transportation of personnel is the primary use made of the railroad.

(D) The first supply line is to Lango from Rangoon, mainly via the Irrawadi, but in large quantities via railroad, to Mandalay, and from there northwest to Lango by rail, north to Myittha via river and then on toward in the direction of Mandalay and Myittha over poor roads generally by 2-wheeled ox-drawn vehicles.

(E) The second supply line is mainly via the Irrawadi. From Prome to southwest of Akyab there are fairly good winding automobile roads. In addition, there are coastal vessels between Rangoon and Akyab.

(F) Train and highway traffic, as well as coastal and river navigation, can only be carried on after dark and this makes the problem of supply more difficult. Ferries and bridges are in bad shape. On mountain roads and at the approaches to ferries an efficient system of blocks is in use.

(G) Commanding generals for supply in Prome, Rangoon

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and Mandalay are all major generals. In villages and towns along the supply line there are all varieties of repair shops, hospitals and such.

3. Information on Japanese troops:

(A) Unbelievable lack of vents gives impression of rigid discipline and good officer and enlisted men relationships in all places. Only behind the region of the front is there a certain amount of resentment over the lack of field kitchens, the fact that combat troops are carrying an excessive load, and the existing conditions under which the older officers are provided with good quarters while the men still receive only primitive care.

(B) The commanding general at Meryo gave an interesting lecture about the training of troops in which he pointed out that it is more important to give troops moral training than to train them as fighters. The idea that the individual is of no concern while the family and the immortal Japanese are all that matter is driven home to the Japanese soldier.

4. Information on Base Indian troops:

(A) The Japanese turned down with good justification, Bose's demand that he be given his own sector on the Burma front.

(B) It is said that there are 40,000 troops belonging to the Indian National Army at present in Malaya-Siam. The Japanese adviser, Lt. Col. Ito, is really in command of these troops, to all intents and purposes. The chief officer is Colonel Yamamoto. Most of the training is in guerilla warfare.

(C) Meryo and Meryo each have one regiment of troops from different Indian divisions. During the middle of February a third regiment is in appearance. It is scheduled for Meryo.

(D) The Indian troops appear to be well disciplined soldiers. Though the officers represent a variety of nationalities, and are of diverse rank and age, they present a good appearance. Bose greatly regrets that Sikhs and Gurkhas make up such a small proportion of the troops.

(E) The Burmese and Japs do not think Bose's propaganda will prove very helpful.

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GENERAL

At Washington, D. C.:

On 24 February 1964 at approximately 1345 hours,

was interviewed

related a story concerning the possible return of one alias (or Subject) Chandra BOSE. This individual is a former dispossessed president of the Indian National Congress, 1938-39, and is believed to have died in an airplane crash after the war. However, there now exists a strong possibility that BOSE is leading the revolutionary group undermining the current Indian Government. related the story orally and then provided a written document reflecting the same facts. This document is included in this report as an attachment.

stated that he was very familiar with the Indian language, customs, and politics; and in his present neighborhood there are a great many Indian and Pakistani students. SUBJECT has gathered a lot of this information from casual conversations with these students and remarks he has overheard. SUBJECT desired that his story be presented to the proper persons in the Agency for evaluation and to alert those concerned of the previously mentioned possibility. SUBJECT also stated that

was a former member of the British Counterintelligence Corps and could provide some very factual information regarding BOSE and his operations with the Indian National Army during World War II.

SUBJECT was dressed neatly in a business suit and his conversation was intelligent. He did not appear to be alarmed or emotional about his story and was merely offering it as a guide to the Central Intelligence Agency for whatever action they deemed advisable.

Attachment (1)

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
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Office of Origin: Karachi Branch Office
Report Made: 22 Feb 1946
Date: 21-22 February 1946
Period Covered: 21-22 February 1946
Made By: ROBERT W. LANE
Subject: INFORMANT'S STORY OF ESCAPE OF SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE
Status: CLOSED
Reference: None

Synopsis: None

Details: Through our Agent the writer met and had a long interview with a Gopah Sindhu who states that six years ago he was Commander of the Revolutionary Party of Sind, which was affiliated with the India Revolutionary Party. This informant was arrested because of an attempted burglary and murder at the Customs House in Karachi. The burglary was planned for the purpose of obtaining funds to operate the Revolutionary Party. Our informant having been arrested turned State prisoner and was let off with a light prison sentence. He served his time and now operates a "dhoti" shop. Our Agent feels that he is reasonably reliable in the information which he gives and that he would not knowingly falsify.

During our interview this informant told how Subhas Chandra Bose escaped from India to Japan. This story does not check with the story recently related to the writer by H. J. P. Hodder, S.A.S.I. Quote. The story is as follows:

Subhas Chandra Bose, originally from Benares, was the founder of the Revolutionary Party of India and was wanted by the British. He succeeded in getting away to Japan where he obtained a Chinese passport and went to Japan. He left India in about 1917. In 1921 the British found that he was in China and requested the Chinese Government to turn him over to the British authorities. Instead the Chinese Government requested that Bose leave the country. He then went to Japan. In 1927 the British Government discovered that Bose was in Japan and requested his arrest. Japanese authorities arrested him and were going to deport him to India for trial. The fact that he was arrested was discovered by the Commander in Chief of the

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Japanese Army (name not known). The Commander in Chief inter-ferred in Bose's behalf and had him released. The Japanese sent ~~him~~ the other Indians to Shanghai, stating that those were the Indians with the Japanese Government. Photographs were compared and found that neither were Bose and so they were released. Bose in Japan soon became a popular figure and became well known by the Japanese people. Dr. Sahari Chandra Bose started a hotel and newspapers in Tokyo and was a lecturer in a Japanese University.

Between 1933 and 1934 Bose shipped three or four lots of arms and ammunition to the Revolutionary Party in Calcutta. Shortly after 1934 Bose married the daughter of the Commander in Chief. Bose was at this time in contact with Subhas Chandra Bose, who resided in Calcutta. Subhas Chandra Bose was head of the Swadeshi Party. In 1937 Subhas Chandra Bose was arrested. He feigned mental illness and was allowed to leave the jail and go to a private residence in Calcutta with police guards on duty at the entrance.

While Subhas Chandra Bose was thus imprisoned war broke out. One day in late 1937 or 1938 a Sikh, Sardar Sardul Singh, called at the house where Subhas Chandra Bose was imprisoned. He stayed about two hours then came out having shaved his face and changed his moustache. About 3:30 in the morning a Sikh came out of the house, according to the Police. It was later discovered that this Sikh was actually Subhas Chandra Bose wearing kurtas and pyjamas of the original Sikh that had come in earlier. The Police on duty apparently assumed they were the same. A car was waiting for Subhas Chandra Bose a few furlongs from the house. This party took about two miles; from there he walked to a station approximately 1/2 mile from the house to a bus stand, about 200 miles from Calcutta. Subhas Chandra Bose was then taken to Japan. The Police discovered Subhas Chandra Bose missing the next day, but it was eleven days before they discovered that he had left India.

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Undeveloped Lead. British Office checking story with British authorities to ascertain authenticity.

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Office of Origin Karachi Branch
Report Made At Karachi Date 22 Feb 1946 Period Covered 21-22 February 1946 Made By ROBERT W. LAMSON

Subject: INFORMANT'S STORY OF ESCAPE OF SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE Status: CLOSED

Reference: None

Synopsis: None

Details: Through our Agent the writer met and had a long interview with a Gooch Bhandu who states that six years ago he was Commander of the Revolutionary Party of Sind, which was affiliated with the India Revolutionary Party. This informant was arrested because of an attempted burglary and murder at the Customs House in Karachi. The burglary was planned for the purpose of obtaining funds to operate the Revolutionary Party. Our informant having been arrested turned State's evidence and was let off with a light prison sentence. He served his time and now operates a "chooni" shop. Our Agent feels that he is reasonably reliable in the information which he gives and that he would not knowingly falsify.

During our interview this informant told how Subhas Chandra Bose escaped from India to Japan. This story does not check with the story recently related to the writer by W.C.P. Hodder, S.A.B.I., Quetta. The story is as follows:

Subhas Chandra Bose, originally from Barisal, was the founder of the Revolutionary Party of India and was wanted by the police. He succeeded in getting away to Europe where he obtained a Japanese passport and went to Japan. He left India in about 1917. In 1921 the British found that he was in China and requested the Chinese Government to turn him over to the British authorities. Instead the Chinese Government requested that Bose leave the country. He then went to Japan. In 1927 the British Government discovered that Bose was in Japan and requested his arrest. Japanese authorities arrested him and were going to deport him to India for trial. The fact that he was arrested was discovered by the Commander in Chief of the

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27 FEB 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR :

ATTENTION :

TO :

Deputy Director of Security

SUBJECT :

SUGHAS CHANDRA BOSE

1. Reference is made to your telephonic request of 19 February 1954 that the Subject be interviewed by a representative of this Office.

2. Attached is the report of the interview conducted on 27 February 1954 at Washington, D. C. No further action will be taken in this matter unless requested by you.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:

Attachment:
Investigative Report

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5 FEB 1954

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NETAJI.) SUBAR. (or SUBHAS) CHANDRA BOSE

1897. — 1945.

BENGALI, ISYASTH, HINDU & CUTTACK, ARISA

President: 1948-49. INDIAN. NATIONAL... CONGRESS.

Statement of case — With the statement of hysteria in India, attendant upon a stoppage of the China-L frontier active fighting, the underground "gods" (militia groups) have again turned their activities towards a disruption of the branches that constitute the Armed Forces of India. The latest move has been to introduce a counteractive postage stamp (in fact two of them!) reviving the war-time Indian National Army (INA), a postulate that regulars of the Armed Forces would like to forget. The fear running today among the 20-30 years age groups are some of persons who were tortured by British INA.

Reasons for this conjecture — From a distance of seven thousands miles this is conjecture, but it is more than likely that it is based on substance.

Question — Why should the Spring of 1964 chose to honor Bose? Anniversary is his (as elsewhere), are the 20th or 50th or 100th? Not 47th makes this very a year-to-year process.

Question — Why should the 10th Jan 1964 be in the denomination most used

Revenue

The Indian Customs of India follows a pattern
of honoring patriots on Document Paper.
Later Stamps (not postage stamps) and
Court Legislation India) (not postage stamps)
and other of these values are Rs. 2/-

Rs 5/- Rs 10/- Rs 100/- in value.

Question:- Why is India, in 1964.

honoring Bae a former President of the
Indian National Congress, whom they
expelled in 1939. Today the senior
(hygiene) members of the Lok Sabha are
the men who expelled Bae in Aug
1939.

Question:- Luthra Chandra Bae was
hated by all the military men
of undivided India, firstly, because
he was a Hindu, and secondly, be-
cause he was a Bengali. Why
he had to be expelled in 1939?

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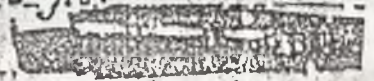
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Constitution. Bose then started getting clearance and his
high regard for Japan (Ambedkar had been shadowed
in Japan for many years from 1921 following the partition
of Bengal) induced him to the man who today controls the
Communist Republic of China. Ching Kai Shek, president
of the Republic of China, determined to go back to the
British control of India when Bose was President of the
Indian National Congress and supported Japan against
China before World War II began.

In a further conjecture that ① Bose is also
② A build-up is being started to bring him out of the
country as a political change in India's foreign relations
it would be a strong factor to trade talks back on foot with
Red China. (possibly the only Indian of consequence who
could do so) ③ President Radhakrishnan, Vice President
Tilak Dasani and Premier Jawaharlal Nehru distinct in
intent that Bose may have been hesitant to continue
his representation and in national political standstill since
the World War II, but today we prefer, for political reasons
to catch Bose as a fall-out man of the people. They do this
politically and probably. Nehru personally deplores it
but he is forced by pressure to do it.

There are no doubt some weighty
operating considerations to be taken into account but they
are grasping things at any stage that will soften
Red China's attitude towards India's political goals.

Cheng Kai Shek's position is not the one
during the 1940s. He must be a very strong
man because he wants to do a good job.



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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56/59

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To

Smt. Sangita Gairola
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India,
North Block
New Delhi 110 001

Madam,

Proposed visit of a team consisting of the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission and the officials of the National Archives of India to U.K. to study the declassified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witness.

Inviting a reference to the letter no. I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) dated 30.4.2001 from Mr. V.P. Bhatia, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, I am to inform you that the Commission has postponed its proposed visit to U.K. from 10.5.2001 as till now no reply from your end regarding necessary sanction for the expenses of the visit, daily allowance, transport for the members of the team of the Commission and arrangement for accommodation for the members of the team of the Commission and also the Director General of National Archives, who has agreed to accompany the Commission to help the Commission study the records in the British Library, has been received. In this connection, the letter no. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56/53 dated 20.4.2001 may kindly be referred to. In that letter it was clearly mentioned that the Hon'ble Chairman, accompanied by the Secretary of the Commission, would be visiting U.K. for the purposes mentioned in that letter and that Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of National archives of India, would help the Commission study the relevant files/records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA in the British Library. Sanction for expenses, TA, DA contingencies etc., for only the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission was asked for. The Ministry of external Affairs has already been requested to arrange accommodation in London for the members of the team of the Commission and also the Director General of National Archives of India, but no confirmation in respect of accommodation has yet been received.

Besides study of the records/documents in the British Library, London, the Commission also proposes to examine some witnesses available in London and, with that object in view, the Ministry of External Affairs was requested to contact those witnesses through the good office of the Indian High Commission in London. From the copy of the letter, Lon./Pol/103/17/00 dated 24.4.2001 of Mr. H.S. Puri, Deputy High Commissioner in London, addressed to Foreign, New Delhi, as forwarded by Mrs. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs by her d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.V

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Dated April 30, 2001,, it appears that, out of those witnesses, the High Commissioner of India in London could contact three. They are Col. Hugh Toye, Sir Malcolm Rifkind and Lord Archer. Of them, Col. Hugh Toye and Mr. Malcom Rifkind informed the High Commission that they would not be available during the dates of the proposed visit of the Commission. The High Commission has not yet been able to contact Sri John Figgens.

In these circumstances, little purpose will be served by the proposed visit for 10 consecutive days from 10.5.2001. Moreover, the time available for undertaking visit from May 10, 2001 after making all arrangements is too short.

I am, therefore, directed to say that the proposed visit from 10.5.2001 is postponed and a fresh programme is being drawn up for the visit to U.K. for the aforesaid purposes. Meanwhile, necessary sanction for air fare to and fro London, DA, TA, contingencies etc. for the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission may kindly be communicated. The Ministry of External Affairs may also be requested to arrange accommodation in London for the members of the team of the Commission and Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India, who will also be going to London to help the Commission study the documents/records at the British Library and obtain micro films/micro-fiches of the relevant documents.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56/59/1(5)

Calcutta, dated the 4th May 2001

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to -

1. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi 110001
2. Mr. Jayanta Prasad, Joint Secretary (AMS and CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi 110001
3. Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi 110001
4. Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi 110 001
5. Mr. V.P. Bhatia, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi 110 001

We had sent all papers on this matter to CNV. May wish to request them to take further action.

P. Sengupta
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Secretary

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Director(CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.V

May 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas-witnesses/2000-01/70/28 dated April 17, 2001 regarding your proposed visit to Japan to examine the living Japanese witnesses.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self-explanatory fax received from Shri C.Rajasekhar, First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo, for your information and appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

(Narinder Chauhan)

Shri P.K.Sengupta, WBHJS(Retd.)
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calcutta 700 087.

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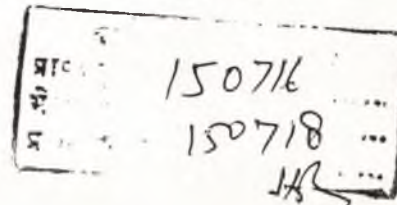
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11th May, 2001

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

Kindly refer to your letter No.25/NGO-Vol.VI dated 27th April, 2001, addressed to DCM regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. I shall be grateful if you could kindly let us know the dates and duration of the proposed visit and specify in detail the exact requirement in terms of personnel and equipment, to enable us to make necessary arrangements.

kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Rajasekhar

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Smt. Narinder Chauhan
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No. W1/411/1/2000-EE

14 May, 2001

Kindly refer to your letter number MOS/125/1/90 dated 12 March, 2001 forwarding copy of a Note Verbale addressed to the Russian Foreign Ministry regarding accessing archival documents in the Russian Federation on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army, on the request of the Justice Mukherjee Commission looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. I am forwarding herewith a copy of another letter received from the Commission on this subject for your information and necessary action as deemed appropriate.

Yours sincerely

Encl: as above

(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)

Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma
First Secretary (Pol)
Embassy of India
Moscow.

Copy for information to:

✓ Smt. N.Chauhan, Director (CNV), MEA, New Delhi

(Arun Kumar Chatterjee) 14/5/01

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BY SPEED POST

No. JMCIV/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/27

Calcutta, dated, the 17th April, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sub : Access of the Commission to peruse
relevant documents concerning Netaji
Subhas Chandra Bose/Indian National
Army lying in the different Archives
of the Russian Union as also in the
Archives within the residual territor
of the erstwhile U.S.S.R.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the news
item titled, "Netaji Panel should visit Russia" authored by the P.T.I
and published in the Statesman dated March 12, 2001, for your kind
perusal. In this connection, I am directed to draw your kind attention
to the proposal contained in the Commission's letter No. JMCIV/DOC(FOR)
99-2000/56/503 dated 06.02.2001 and to request you kindly to take all
necessary effective steps as quickly as possible to enable the
Commission to have access to the documents, if any, lying in the
archives of the Russian Union as also in the Archives of the States
which were previously within the erstwhile U.S.S.R. as requested in
the aforesaid letter dated 06.02.2001 of the Commission and suggested
in the news item published in the Statesman dated 12.03.2001.

Enclosure: One

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

MARCH 12, 2001

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Netaji panel should visit Russia

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NEW DELHI, March 11. - A Russian scholar has suggested that the commission probing Netaji's death travel to Russia and study the official and KGB files of the period to set at rest the controversy regarding the leader's detention in Soviet Union after 1945.

"The new commission can go to Russia and see the archives of the central committee of the communist Party, the KGB and the ministry of external affairs between 1940 and 1945 to get the truth on whether or not the Indian leader flew to Dairen from Manchuria instead of perishing in a plane crash in Taihoku (Japan) as is widely held," Prof Grigori G Kotovsky, deputy co-chairman, Indo-Russian Joint Commission for Cooperation in Social Sciences, said.

Making strong exception to recent press reports that Netaji was under detention in Russia during Stalin's reign and that he had a meeting with the then Indian ambassador, Dr S Radhakrishnan, Prof Kotovsky told that the new commission

could also access files during the Stalin period, which the US has procured.

"With relations between India and Russia on a new high after the visit of Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin, it shouldn't be difficult for the governments to agree to share information contained even in the foreign ministry files of the period," Prof Kotovsky said.

Citing from recent Russian research journals that have accessed the Russian Intelligence agency's declassified documents, Prof Kotovsky said while the articles had detailed Russian help to Netaji to go to Berlin from Moscow in 1940, they made no mention of his coming to Russia in 1945.

"The Asia and Africa Today" monthly journal published by



the Institutes of Oriental Studies and Africa of the Russian Academy of Sciences had, in a recent article by its deputy chief editor, Tyurajev, quoted extensively from KGB archives along with copies of some important documents pertaining to Netaji's visit to Moscow after his escape from Kolkata.

Refusing, however, to be drawn into taking sides over whether or not Netaji boarded the ill-fated flight, Prof Kotovsky said it was in the interest of Indo-Russian relations to come clear on the Russian angle in the controversy.

He, however, added that the Russian government did not seem to have any reasons for keeping Netaji under detention after Indian independence or

as a closely guarded secret. "It was then the beginning of the Cold War and Russia did not have any obligation towards the Allies."

Moreover, Bose was known for his Leftist leanings and ideologically it would have made more sense to come public with his presence, given that Russian help to the communist movement in India was a widely-known secret then, the professor said.

Commenting on the sources of a recent press report that Netaji met Dr Radhakrishnan, Prof Kotovsky said there were factual errors in the report the outcome of which could have grave political implications.

The close aide of Stalin, Babajan Gafurov, mentioned in the report as the one who told an academic about Bose's detention, was not a close aide of Stalin and only the head of the Communist Party's Tajikistan unit.

"Any information... on Bose's detention would have been known only to two persons - Stalin himself or the head of the KGB."

The Statesman, March 12, 2001



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Narinder Chauhan(Smt.)
Director(CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.V

May 15, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/8/2000/591 dated March 1, 2001 requesting the Embassy of India, Moscow to find out the present whereabouts of the persons indicated in the affidavit filed by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self-explanatory letter received from Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma, First Secretary(Pol.) Embassy of India, Moscow for your information and appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

(Narinder Chauhan)

Shri P.K.Sengupta, WBHJS(Retd.)
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calcutta 700 087.

Copy to : Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma, FS(Pol), Embassy of India, Moscow for information.

(Narinder Chauhan)



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D.B. Venkatesh Varma
First Secretary (Pol)

No. mos/poc/451/1/01

May 8, 2001

Dear Smt Chauhan,

This is with reference to letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated March 21, 2001 from Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV) regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and the affidavit filed by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar.

2. Our extensive queries regarding the whereabouts of the persons indicated in the above-mentioned affidavit have not yielded any definitive information so far. Our queries have also pointed to the possibility that the said persons may have passed away several years ago though we have no means of confirming this.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)

Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

Copy to: Shri Anil Wadhwa,
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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
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Subject: Proposed visit of a team consisting of the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission and the officials of the National Archives of India to U.K. to study the declassified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witness.

Find enclosed herewith a copy of the letter No.JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56/59 dated 4th May, 2001 on the above subject, received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. Copy of this letter is also endorsed to you.

2. The Secretary of the Commission has desired this Ministry to request the Ministry of External Affairs to arrange accommodation in London for the members of the team of the Commission and Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General, National Archives of India who will also be going to London to help the Commission study the documents/records at the British Library and obtain Micro Films of the relevant documents

3. The Commission also proposes to examine certain witnesses available in London. The details of these witnesses have already been communicated to Ministry of External Affairs by the Commission.

4. The Commission is drawing fresh programme for the visit to U.K. and the same would be communicated to you as and when available in this Ministry.

5. You are requested to kindly do the needful. A line of confirmation in this regard may also be sent to this Ministry.

Encl: As above.

(MUKESH MITTAL)
Deputy Secretary(IS-I)

Shri Jayanta Prasad, Joint Secretary((AMS and CNV), Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Bloc, New Delhi.
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Dated, the 8th May, 2001.

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To
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 Joint Secretary (IS)
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Madam,

*Pl. inform him that
 approval to the delegation
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 is known. Commission may be requested
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Narinder Chauhan(Smt.)
Director(CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

May 10, 2001

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Doc(for)/99-2000/56/59 dated 4th May, 2001 regarding proposed visit of the Commission to the UK addressed to Smt. Sangita Gairola, JS(IS), MHA and copy endorsed to us.

As proposed by the Commission, the High Commission of India, London will be requested by us to arrange accommodation and local transport during the Commission's visit to London. However, to enable HCI, London to make these arrangements, a proper sanction, indicating the Heads of Account to which the expenditure in this regard is to be debited, is required to be issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs endorsing a copy thereof to HCI, London. It is, therefore requested that appropriate action may be taken in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Please refer to your letter No. JMC/Correspondence(Press)/68/25 dated April 17, 2001 regarding copies of the report of Col. J.G.Figges and 'Secret M-12 report' of the British Directorate of Military Intelligence.

None of the abovementioned two reports is available in the records of this Ministry. This is for your information.

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S.no. 70/c

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, has requested us to obtain through Embassy of India, Washington the present address of Mr. L.Lochner, an American Journalist and Pulitzer Prize Winner, if he is still alive. A copy of the Commission's self-explanatory letter received by us in this regard is enclosed. The Commission, vide their another letter dated April 27, 2001(copy enclosed) has further requested us to take up with the US authorities the matter about making available to the Commission all declassified documents in possession of the US government and its agencies on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA for scrutiny by the Commission for the purpose of the inquiry.

As per the directions of the PMO and MHA, we are obliged to extend all possible assistance to the Commission. I shall therefore be grateful if the information sought by the Commission about Mr.Lochner is provided at an early date and the matter about making available the declassified documents in possession with the US government and its agencies to the Commission is taken up with the concerned authorities and we are informed of their response.


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Shri Alok Prasad,
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Sir,

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I am further directed to request you to kindly obtain the present postal address, Fax number and e-mail number of the Friends of Indian Society in the U.S.A. through the good office of the Indian Embassy in the U.S.A. and communicate the same to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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Did Netaji die in an air crash in 1945 ?

R.C. Batura

Did Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose die in an air crash near Taihoko on August 18, 1945? The Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee which was appointed by the Government of India after India attained freedom, came to the conclusion that Netaji had died in the said air crash. But Netaji's family never accepted this conclusion nor did the Indian masses who eagerly looked forward to his return even as late as the decade of 1960-1970. The fact is that Netaji's disappearance before the Japanese

surrendered at the end of the Second World War in 1945 has been a subject of various stories in the Indian press suggesting that he did not die in the said air crash, though nobody could say with certainty as to what happened to him.

A section of those who disputed the death-in-the-air-crash

story, believed that the Japanese had surrendered Subhash to the Allied Powers (USA, Britain and France) while some others surmised that he might have been sent to Soviet Russia. The fact is that Subhash's disappearance has remained a mystery till today as no authentic proof of his death in the Taihoko air crash

is available. The air crash story is, at best, the Japanese version of Netaji's fate.

What is, however, interesting to note is that the Americans did not subscribe to the air-crash story as the American intelligence was looking for 'positive proof' of Netaji's death

in 1946. In fact as late as February 1964, that is eighteen years after the said event, the American intelligence was concerned about the possible return of Netaji to India and the effect of such a return on the Nehru government. This is revealed in declassified documents of the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington pertaining to Netaji Subhash Chander Bose. The information contained in these documents was gathered by the Office of Strategic Services, the predecessor of CIA during the Second World War.

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Declassified CIA documents reveal that as late as 1964, Americans were concerned about the possible return of Netaji and its effect on the Nehru government.

American Free Trade Association, which makes Mexico a partner of US and Canada in investment and trade. This was ballyhooed as a great triumph for free traders and Mexicans were beside themselves with glee. They thought that all that they had to do was to lie back and enjoy the prosperity which was just around the corner, since dollars would pour into the country from America and

lucrative deals in which they can make money. They poured into Mexico, just as hot money from the US is now pouring into India. There was so much money that they thought they had suddenly become very rich and could afford to splurge. Mexicans started importing Rolls Royce and Cadillac cars, yachts and fancy watches and furniture. More Rolls Royces were sold in Mexico than in any other coun-

try. Foreign investors, who had put money into the stock market—just like in India—panicked and tried to take out their money. The stock market crashed, just as it has crashed in India. Mexico could no longer pay for imports—since the reserves had vanished—and were forced to devalue their currency, peso. The peso was devalued by 30 per cent, which means that the Mexicans suddenly became poor

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Bose actually died following the plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945. I told him that I would do so but that I could not promise that United States Army intelligence had gone into the matter as our interest in the

physician; that if he died there must be people who had first hand knowledge of his death and that there might conceivably be some record of his death; and that further, in the event of his death, there must be people

marked 'confidential'

The Department of State replied in July 1946 to state: "In reference to the American Consulate General, Bombay, India, airgraz 274, dated 23 May 1946, a copy of which was made available to this organization, a search of our files indicates that there is no information available regarding subject's death that would shed any light on the reliability of the reports mentioned in the reference inquiry to the State Department."

More than seventeen years later, on February 19, 1964, to be precise—the Deputy Director of Security was requested by "Chief" (their identities have been blacked out from the released document) to interview another unidentified person, probably a British agent, in Washington. The person concerned was inter-

CIA records on Netaji

Nation celebrated Subhas Bose's 98th birthday on January 23

problem would, of course, not be as great as that of Great Britain, and that under the circumstances inquiries into Bose's death might well have been overlooked when American forces went to Formosa.

... said that obviously there must have been a number of people who saw the plane crash and burn at Taihoku on August 18, that Bose must have been treated in a hospital by some

alive to-day who had some knowledge of his cremation and the ceremonial disposal of his ashes.

"If the Department could furnish any information on this subject, it would be most helpful to this Consulate General—positive proof of some kind that Bose is dead would be most interesting"

The above letter signed by one Donovan was of course



viewed on February 27, 1964. The report of the interview said: "On 20 February 1964 at approximately 1345 hours—interviewed—related a story concerning the possible return of one Subash (or Subhas) Chandra Bose. This individual is a former-deposed President of the Indian National Congress, 1938-39, and is believed to have died in an airplane crash after the war. However, there now exists a strong possibility that

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Carrying saffron flags and shouting slogans like *Aan ban aur shan ki, jhanki hai Chauhan ki* over 5,000 people including many burka-clad women, took out the tableau depicting *Prithvi Raj Chauhan* proceeding to battlefield, in a procession from Ramkila Ground to Red Fort. The procession was arranged by the *Ananyaya Vitadhi Morcha* in protest against the Central Government's decision to exclude the tableau of Delhi administration based on a model prepared by the Delhi Government from the Republic Day parade.

Netaji

(From p. 5)

Bose is leading the rebellious group undermining the current Delhi Government—related the story orally and when provided a written document reiterating the same facts. This document is included in this report as an attachment.

—Stated that—he was very familiar with the Indian Language, customs and politics; and in his present neighborhood there are a great man; Indian and Pakistanian students. Subject has gathered a lot of this informative from casual conversations with these students and remarks he has overheard. Sub-

ject desired that his story be presented to the proper present in the agency for evaluation and to alert those concerned of the previously mentioned possibility. Subject also advised that—was a former member of the British Counterintelligence Corps and could provide some very factual information regarding Bose and his operations with the Indian National Army during World War II."

A handwritten note attached to the above document alluded to "Bose's bitter hatred of the Chinese" and referred to conjectures "that (1) Bose is alive (2) A 'build up' is being started to bring him out of retirement as a political... in Indo-Sino relations (he would be a strong factor to trade talks back and forth with Red China—possibly

the only Indian of consequence who could do so.) (3) President Radhakrishnan, Vice-president Zakir Hussain and Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru distrust and mistrust Bose and have never hesitated to condemn his unrealistic uncertain political stam-pedes prior to World War II; but to-day are forced, for political reasons, to extol Bose. They do this politically and publicly. Nehru personally may deplore it. But he is forced by pressures to do it....}

The reference is to the proposal for a commemorative stamp for Netaji. In this context the report further records "Question : Why is India in 1964 honouring Bose, a former President of the Indian National Congress whom that... expelled in 1939?... Today the senior (by

Christian missionaries

Vicramdev Usendi, Vanvasi MLA of Bastar has complained to the Madhya Pradesh Government against those engaged in conversion of the Bastar Vanvasis into Christianity.

After touring different villages in Bhanupratappur area, he observed in his complaint that the missionaries had recently converted 20,000 Vanvasis into Christianity. The MLA has complained that the Christian missionaries were tempting their

State Government does not check the activities of Christian missionaries by playing on the Vanvasi's poverty, simplicity and ignorance.

Meanwhile, the Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Jashpur Nagar, Raigarh district is organising a camp to welcome back 7,000 converted Christian Vanvasis. These Vanvasis have realised that the conversions to Christianity by them or their forefathers were basically wrong and have offered to return to Hinduism.

Shri Dilip Singh Joe Dev, BJP Member of the Rajya Sabha claimed that Christian missionaries were getting Rs 1200 crore from abroad for conversion. He said that during elections Christian missionaries issued directives from churches to Christians including converted Vanvasis to vote for which party. He said that in 1977 Christian missionaries had supported Janata Party and in later elections they supported the Congress. He said by law, nontribals could not purchase land of the tribals but Christian missionaries had purchased several thousand acres of land of the Vanvasis. The State Government should get back this Vanvasi land to them but since Christian missionaries support the Congress politically, the Government is reluctant to land racket.

age) members of the Lok Sabha are the ones who expelled Bose in —1939."

The report also takes note of Netaji's great organisational ability. It says when he left India he had nothing more than the incognito dress but when he returned it was with a full-fledged army (the Indian National Army) confronting the World.

The above quoted passages from CIA records only deepen the mystery of Netaji's disappearance.

In 1995, as the nation celebrates Netaji's 98th birthday (January 23), this mystery still haunts his admirers and patriotic Indians.

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi- 110001.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly obtain through the Indian Embassy in the U.S.A. and send to the Commission, as early as possible, preferably within six weeks, the present address of Mr. L. Lochner, an American Journalist and Pulitzer Prize Winner, if he is still alive, so that the Commission may communicate with Mr. Lochner and request him to produce documents, if any, in support of his alleged claim that Netaji was captured by the Americans and was executed on the charge of treason.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Calcutta, dated, the 17th April, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta;
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
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New Delhi - 110001.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly send as early as possible, preferably within a month, true copies of the reports of Col. J.G.Figges allegedly published on 25.07.1946 from the office of the Military Adviser, attached to the United Kingdom Liaison Mission of Japan, as also of the British Directorate of Military Intelligence's Secret Documents allegedly known as 'Secret M-12 Report' containing information allegedly obtained on 20.01.1947 from the then War Crime Liason Officer, Hongkong, as mentioned in the letter of Shri Uttam Kumar Mitra of Naihati, addressed to the Editor, 'Desh' dated April 4, 2001, a Bengali periodical published from Calcutta.

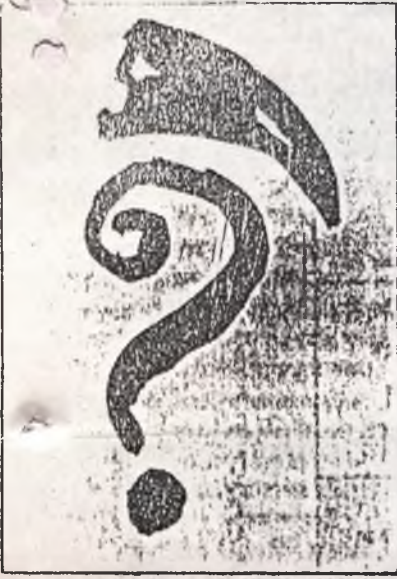
A xerox copy of the article is sent herewith.

Yours faithfully,

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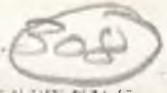
স্বাধীনতালাভের পর থেকে
যারা ভারতবর্ষের দণ্ডমুণ্ডর
কর্তা হয়েছেন এবং দেশের
আর্থসামাজিক পরিকাঠামো,
ভৌগোলিক ও সাংস্কৃতিক
অখণ্ডতাকে বিনষ্ট করেছেন,
সূভাষচন্দ্র তাঁদের ঘণা
করতেন।

নেতাজি কি দু'বার মৃত্যুবরণ করেন ?

১) ২০ অনুযায়ী দেশ পত্রিকার সম্পাদকীয়
'সূভাষচন্দ্র : অন্ধ ভক্তিতে দিন দিন মগ্ন'
পাঠ করে কিছু লেখার তাগিদ অনুভব করছি,
সম্পাদকীয়টি শুরু হয়েছে ভারতের অগণিত
নেতাজি-ভক্তদের মনে আঘাত দিয়ে। শুরুতেই
সম্পাদক মহাশয় প্রশ্ন রেখেছেন পাঠকদের
মাঝে—'শতবর্ষ পার করেও নেতাজি সূভাষচন্দ্র
বসু এখনও জীবিত আছেন কিনা, এ প্রশ্নের চেয়েও
আরও গুরুত্বপূর্ণ প্রশ্ন, তাঁর মৃত্যু কি আদৌ সম্ভব?
যদি তত্ত্বের খাতিরে ধরে নেওয়া হয় যে সমস্ত
নেতাজি-ভক্তদের অন্তরে এমনই ধারণা বা জিজ্ঞাসা
বিরাজমান তবে এ জন্য কি সম্পূর্ণরূপে তাঁদের
দোষ দেওয়া যায়? স্বাধীনতাপ্রাপ্তির অর্ধশতবর্ষ
অধিক সময় অতিক্রান্ত হওয়া সত্ত্বেও নেতাজির
অন্তর্ধান রহস্যের প্রকৃত সত্য উদ্ঘাটিত হয়নি।
১৯৫৬ সালে শাহনওয়াজ শানের নেতৃত্বে গঠিত
হয়েছিল 'নেতাজি তদন্ত কমিটি'। ১৯৭০ সালে
নিযুক্ত হয়েছিল বিচারপতি খোসলা'র নেতৃত্বে
'নেতাজি তদন্ত কমিশন'। এই কমিটি ও কমিশন
জোগাড় করেছিল প্রচুর সাক্ষ্যপ্রমাণ ও নথিপত্র।
সে সময় নেতাজির অনেক সহকর্মী ও সহযোগী
জীবিত ছিলেন। তাঁরা সাক্ষ্যও দিয়েছিলেন। কিন্তু
শাহনওয়াজ কমিটি ও খোসলা কমিশন কেউই
তাঁদের প্রাপ্ত তথ্য ও সাক্ষ্যপ্রমাণের প্রতি সন্দিগ্ধ
করেনি। বিমান দুর্ঘটনায় নেতাজির মৃত্যুর কথা
মিথ্যা প্রমাণিত হয়ে যেতে পারে এমন নানা তথ্য
প্রমাণ ও সাক্ষ্যকে তাঁরা উপেক্ষা করেছিলেন।
১৯৫৬ সালে শাহনওয়াজ বিমান দুর্ঘটনার স্থল
তাইহোকুতে যদি যেতেন তাহলে সেই দুর্ঘটনার

সত্যাসত্য ঘাচাইয়ের সুযোগ পেতেন, কারণ সে
সময় তাইহোকু বিমানবন্দরে ১৯৪৫-এর সময়কার
অনেক কর্মী ও অফিসার কর্মনিযুক্ত ছিলেন। যে
ডাক্তার যোশিমি (Yoshimi) অগ্নিদগ্ন নেতাজির
চিকিৎসা করেছিলেন, তাঁকে স্কোয়া করা যেত।
বে-হাসপাতালে নেতাজির চিকিৎসা করা হয়েছিল
বলে বলা হয় সেই হাসপাতালের ডাক্তার, নার্স ও
কর্মীদেরও জিজ্ঞাসাবাদ করা সম্ভব হত।
তাইহোকুর তৎকালীন স্থায়ী প্রশাসনও দিতে
পারত মূল্যবান তথ্য। কিন্তু শাহনওয়াজ, বারবার
অনুরোধ সত্ত্বেও তাইহোকু যাননি। তবে
গিয়েছিলেন টোকিওতে এবং তিনি সেসব ব্যক্তিরই
সাক্ষ্যগ্রহণ করেছিলেন, যাদের জাপান সরকার
সত্য গোপনের শিক্ষা দিয়ে রেখেছিল।
১৯৫৬ সালের সুবর্ণসন্মোহ ১৯৭০ সালে
অনেকটাই নষ্ট হয়ে যায়। তবে বিচারপতি খোসলা
চার বছর ধরে ২২৪ জনের সাক্ষ্য সংগ্রহ
করেছিলেন। এদের মধ্যে অনেকেই ছিলেন নিষিদ্ধ
ব্যক্তি। কিন্তু প্রকৃত সত্য উদ্ঘাটনের বদলে
খোসলা ব্যত হরে উঠেছিলেন নেতাজিকে মৃত
প্রমাণ করতে, তৎকালীন প্রাথমী ইন্দিরা গান্ধীর
নির্দেশমামিক তিনি রাহা লিখেছিলেন, এই সম্ভেহ
ছিল প্রবল। সেদিক থেকে বলা যেতে পারে তদন্ত
কমিটি ও তদন্ত কমিশনের রিপোর্ট আসলে Pre-
arranged fabrication! তাই পরবর্তীকালে ভাবত
সরকার ওই দু'টি রিপোর্টই বাতিল করে দিয়েছেন।
আবার ভারত সরকার অত্যন্ত হাস্যকর সিদ্ধান্ত
গ্রহণ করেছিলেন, নেতাজিকে মরগোস্তর
'ভারতবর্ষ' প্রদান করে। যদিও তাঁর পরিবারের

তরফে সেই পুরস্কার কেউই গ্রহণ করেননি।
সম্প্রতি নেতাজির অন্তর্ধান রহস্যের প্রকৃত সত্য
উদ্ঘাটনের জন্য তৃতীয়বারের জন্য নির্ধারণ
মনোজকুমার মুখোপাধ্যায়ের নেতৃত্বে গঠিত হয়েছে
তদন্ত কমিশন। অথচ মুখোপাধ্যায় কমিশনকে
কেন্দ্রীয় সরকার চরম অসহযোগিতা করেছে।
দীর্ঘকালের চরম অবহেলা, রাজনৈতিক
দূরভিস্মির জটিল ঘূর্ণাবর্তে নেতাজির অন্তর্ধান
রহস্যের সত্য উদ্ঘাটন সময়ের সঙ্গে সঙ্গে অত্যন্ত
কঠিন হয়ে উঠেছে, বলা উচিত ইচ্ছাকৃত ভাবে
আরও কঠিন করে তোলা হয়েছে। আসলে
স্বাধীনতা লাভের পরবর্তী সময়ে পুরস্কার
রাজনৈতিক কর্তব্যক্তি, কেন্দ্রীয় সরকার এবং
কমিটি দ্বা কমিশনের সন্নিধ্য থাকলে নেতাজির
অন্তর্ধান রহস্যের সত্য স্বরূপ উন্মোচিত হত। বিশ্ব
ক্রিকেটের কলঙ্কিত অধ্যায় বেটিং কেলেঙ্কারির
প্রকৃত সত্য এবং নানা অজানা তথ্য প্রকাশিত
হয়েছিল এ দেশ থেকেই অতি অল্প সময়ে, অথচ
নেতাজির প্রচারিত মৃত্যুর সত্যাসত্য আজও এক
জটিল রহস্যে আবদ্ধ। অর্ধশত বর্ষ ধরে
নেতাজি ভক্তদের প্রতি ধারাবাহিকভাবে এই
অবিচার করা হয়েছে। বিমান দুর্ঘটনায় তাঁর মৃত্যু
হয়েছে একথা ভক্তরা মনেতে চান না সম্ভবতাবেই।
সম্পাদকীয়র দ্বিতীয় অনুচ্ছেদে সম্পাদক মহাশয়
লিখেছেন—“তাইহোকু বিমান-ধ্বংসে তিনি এক
সরী সন্মোহ ছোট একটা বিমানে আরোহণ করার
একটু পরেই সেটিতে আগুন লাগে এবং মাটিতে
আছড়ে পড়ে। গুরুতরভাবে দগ্ন অবস্থায় তাঁকে
নিয়ে যাওয়া হয় হাসপাতালে, সেরকমভাবে
অগ্নিদগ্ন ব্যক্তির বাঁচার সম্ভাবনা খুবই কম। এ
বিষয়ে সুনির্দিষ্ট কাগজপত্র, তথ্য, দলিল নেই, কারণ
দ্বিতীয় বিশ্বযুদ্ধের সেই অতিমকণ্ঠে পরাজিত
জাপান ৬-০ পঞ্চাশ অংশসরপের সময় সব নথিপত্র
ত্রিক ঠাক রাখার সময় পায়নি এবং অকিঞ্চিৎকর
দুকুসরী সূভাষচন্দ্র ও তাঁর আত্মদা হিন্দু বাহিনীকে
আর কোম্পানি ও গুরুত্ব দেবারও মানসিকতা সেই সময়
ছিল না জাপানের। সমসাময়িক কিছু কিছু সাক্ষ্য
থেকে বিমান দুর্ঘটনার ঘটনা সমর্থিত হয়েছে। 'তবু
সম্ভেহ থেকে যাওয়া অস্বাভাবিক নয়।' পাঠক,
লক্ষ করুন, সম্পাদক মহাশয় একবার লিখলেন
'সেরকমভাবে অগ্নিদগ্ন ব্যক্তির বাঁচার সম্ভাবনা খুবই
কম', যদিও এ ঘটনার সমর্থনে সুনির্দিষ্ট কাগজপত্র,
তথ্য, দলিল নেই, তবু তিনি বিশ্বাস করলেন
'সমসাময়িক কিছু কিছু সাক্ষ্য থেকে বিমান দুর্ঘটনা
সমর্থিত হয়েছে' বলে। আবার পরক্ষণেই সেই
বিশ্বাসে চিহ্ন ধরেছে—'তবু সম্ভেহ থেকে যাওয়া
অস্বাভাবিক নয়'। নেতাজির মৃত্যু সম্পর্কে সম্পাদক
মহাশয় যথ্য নিজেই বিধাগ্রস্ত, তখন
নেতাজি ভক্তদের অভিসম্পাত দান কেন?
বিমান দুর্ঘটনায় নেতাজির মৃত্যু হয়নি, সমসাময়িক
এবং এই দুর্ঘটনা সম্পর্কিত নানা ব্যক্তির
সাক্ষ্যসংবলিত লেফটেন্যান্ট-কর্নেল J. G.
Figges-এর রিপোর্ট সেটাই প্রমাণ করে।
রিপোর্টটি প্রকাশিত হয় জাপানের United
Kingdom Liaison Mission-এর সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত
Military Adviser-এর অফিস থেকে ১৯৪৬-এর
২৫ জুলাই। অর্থাৎ নেতাজির প্রচারিত মৃত্যুর



ফিগ্গেস-এর রিপোর্ট অনুযায়ী
Nonogaki সাইগিন থেকে
Nonogaki-এর জায়া অনুযায়ী দুর্গটনার দিন খুব ঠাণ্ডা
পড়েছিল। সেজন্য সূভাষচন্দ্র একটা টাইট জ্যাকেট
পাল পেট্রোল টায়ের কাছেই পরেছিলেন। সে
কক্ষেরে বিমান ধরারের জন্য সূভাষচন্দ্র
মধ্যাহ্নভোজে পড়ে গেছিলেন। Nonogaki দাবি
করেছেন, তিনি নাকি খ্রীবোসকে হাসপাতালে
'ভর্তি' ব্যাপারে 'সুপারভাইস' করেন। অথচ
আশ্চর্যের বিষয় Figgess-এর কাছে সাক্ষ্যদান
কালে Nonogaki বলেন যে তিনি খ্রীবোসের মৃত্যুর
খবর শুনেছেন কিন্তু তাঁকে বচকে দেখেননি, কারণ
পরবর্তী বিমানেই তিনি টোকিও অভিমুখে রওনা
হন— "...heard the report of his subsequent
death, but did not himself see him (Bose)"
anymore as he returned to Tokyo by the next
departing aircraft." রিপোর্টে প্রকাশিত অভিশপ্ত
বিমানটিতে খ্রীবোসের আর একজন সহযাত্রী
ছিলেন লেফটেন্যান্ট কর্নেল Sakai যিনি মারাত্মক
অগ্নি অস্ত্রের সূভাষচন্দ্রের সঙ্গে একই
হাসপাতালে ভর্তি হয়েছিলেন। অথচ মৃত্যুর আগে
বা পরে কখনওই খ্রীবোসকে বচকে দেখেননি—
"But as he was in hospital, he did not himself
see Bose again, either before or after death."
তাইওয়ান আর্মি হেডকোয়ার্টার্স-এর একজন
অফিসার লেফটেন্যান্ট কর্নেল Shibuya
Masanori-কে ডাকা হয়েছিল সূভাষচন্দ্রের দেহ
যেনে করে টোকিওতে নিয়ে যাওয়া যায় কিনা। সে
ব্যাপারে আলোচনার জন্য, যদিও Masanori
খ্রীবোসকে কখনও দেখেননি। তাইওয়ান আর্মি
হেডকোয়ার্টার্সের আরও একজন
লেফটেন্যান্ট কর্নেল তাঁর ওপরওয়ালার নির্দেশ
মেনে হাসপাতালে গেছিলেন। তিনি হলেন
Takamiya Hiroji। যদিও তাঁকে 'হাসপাতালেই
জানিয়ে দেওয়া হয়েছিল, সূভাষচন্দ্রের বাচার
কোনও আশা নেই। তিনিও সূভাষচন্দ্রের মৃত দেহ
বচকে দেখেননি। তাইওয়ান আর্মি এয়ার স্টাফ-এর
সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত '8th Hikoshidan'-এর একজন স্টাফ
অফিসার লেফটেন্যান্ট কর্নেল Miura, Tatsuo-এর
অভিজ্ঞতা একই রকম—"He did not see Bose)
at any time, whether dead or alive." এই
Tatsuo বিমান দুর্ঘটনার তদন্তের মাধ্যমে ছিলেন।
Figgess লিখেছেন এই তদন্ত ছিল অত্যন্ত
ভাসাভাসা—"This investigation, by the way,
appears to have been very cursory, the
explanation offered being that all the staff of
Taihoku were in turmoil as a result of the
sudden ending of the war." অর্থাৎ দেখা যাচ্ছে Figgess-এর রিপোর্ট অনুযায়ী
বিমান দুর্ঘটনার অব্যবহিত পরে জীবিত বা মৃত
কোনও অবস্থাতেই সূভাষচন্দ্রকে কেউ দেখেননি।
Figgess-এর রিপোর্টে দু'জন ডিক্রিসকের কথা
উল্লিখিত আছে যারা সূভাষচন্দ্রকে সন্ধান
অবস্থায় ডিক্রিসা করেছিলেন বলে দাবি
করেছিলেন এবং সূভাষের মৃত্যুর পর তাঁরা
দু'জন-ই 'Death certificate' ইস্যু করেছিলেন।

এরা হলেন ডা. Tsuruta Toyoshi এবং ডা.
Yoshimi Taneyoshi।
তাইহোকু মিউজিটারি হাসপাতালের ডিক্রিসক
সাব-লেক্টেন্যান্ট Tsuruta-কে ১৯৪৭ সালের ১৮
আগস্ট বোম্বা ওঠে নাগাদ জানানো হয় যে, একজন
ডি আই সি-কে মারাত্মক জখম অবস্থায় টাকে কল
হাসপাতালে আনা হয়েছে। Figgess রিপোর্টে
লিখেছেন, "Shortly after seven O'clock he
(Bose) suffered a relapse and although the
doctor (Dr Tsuruta) once again administered
a camphor injection, he (Bose) sank into
coma and died shortly afterwards." এরপর ডা.
Tsuruta একটা ডেথ সার্টিফিকেট ইস্যু করেন—
"death due to heart failure resulting from
multiple burns and shock." খ্রীবোসের মৃত্যুর পর তাঁর দেহ সুগন্ধ দিয়ে
সংরক্ষণ করা হয় এবং মৃতদেহ টোকিও-তে নিয়ে
যাবার ব্যাপারে ডা. Tsuruta, হবিবুর রহমান
(বোসের অন্যতম সহযোগী যিনি ওই বিমানেই
ছিলেন এবং আহত হয়েছিলেন বলে খবরে
প্রকাশিত হয়েছে) এবং আর একজন সেনা
অফিসার লেফটেন্যান্ট কর্নেল Shibuya-র মধ্যে
আলোচনা হয়। ১৮ আগস্ট মধ্যাহ্নে তাইওয়ান
আর্মি হেডকোয়ার্টার্স থেকে তথ্যচিত্র করে একটি
কফিন আসে, সূভাষচন্দ্রের দেহ একটি আচ্ছাদনে
মুক্তি করে কফিনে রাখা হয় এবং পরদিন ভোরবেলায়
অর্থাৎ ১৯ আগস্ট কফিনটি নিয়ে যাওয়া হয়। ডা.
Tsuruta বুঝতে পারেন কফিনটি নিয়ে যাওয়া হচ্ছে
মৃতদেহ বাহ করার জন্য। যদিও এত সব ঘটনা
Tsuruta-র চোখের সামনে ঘটেনি—"The
following morning (19 August 1945
morning) the coffin was taken away, and
Tsuruta understands that it was cremated
although he was not an eye-witness."
Figgess এখন Tsuruta-কে প্রশ্ন করেন যে কীভাবে
তিনি নিশ্চিত হলেন যে আহত ব্যক্তি সূভাষচন্দ্র
ছিল তখন Tsuruta যা উত্তর দিয়েছেন তা মর্মেই
সন্দেহ উদ্ভবকারী—"...there was of course no
documentary evidence since all the clothes
and personal papers were destroyed before
the patient arrived in his ward; but that it was
common knowledge that Bose was in the
aircraft and that there could not possibly be
any error in identity." এরপর Figgess-এর রিপোর্টে উল্লিখিত ডা.
Yoshimi Taneyoshi-র বক্তব্য প্রসঙ্গে আলোচনা
করা যেতে পারে। Yoshimi ছিলেন Japanese
Imperial Army-র একজন মেডিক্যাল অফিসার,
যিনি দাবি করেছেন, সূভাষচন্দ্রের ডিক্রিসা হয়
তাঁর তত্ত্বাবধানে। এই বিবৃতি বা তথ্য পাওয়া গেছে
British Directorate of Military Intelligence-র
গপ্ত নথিপত্রে (Secret documents)। এই তথ্য
প্রকৃতপক্ষে পাওয়া গেছে ২০ জানুয়ারি, ১৯৪৭,
হকো-এর War Crime Liaison Officer-এর কাছ
থেকে, যখন ডা. Yoshimi হকো-এর স্টেনলি
জেলে অস্থায়ী ছিলেন। এই রিপোর্টকে বলা
হয়েছে 'Secret MI2 report'। এই রিপোর্ট

নব নবনবের প্রকাশিত হয়েছে (প্রতিটি বই ই নতুন)	
কাশীদাসী মহাভারত	৩৭০.০০
কৃষ্ণবাসী রামায়ণ	২৭০.০০
শ্রীমদ্ভাগবত	৩৫০.০০
শ্রীশ্রীব্রহ্মবৈবর্ত-পুরাণ	২৪০.০০
প্রাধান্য রায় চৌধুরী	
পদ্মাপুরাণ	১২০.০০
কৃষ্ণদাস কবিরাজ গোস্বামী বিরচিত হারকৃষ্ণ মুখোপাধ্যায় ও সুখেন্দু চন্দ্র মজুমদার সম্পাদিত	
শ্রীশ্রীচৈতন্য চরিতামৃত	২৬০.০০
মতোজ বসু সম্পাদিত	
শ্রীচৈতন্যভাগবত (যমুনা)	
শ্রীশ্রীভক্তমাল গ্রন্থ ও সাধক মহাপুরুষদের জীবনকথা	২৪০.০০
মহামহোপাধ্যায় দুর্গাচরণ সাংখ্য-বেদান্ততীর্থ কর্তৃক অনূদিত ও সম্পাদিত	
বৃন্দারণ্যকোপনিষদ (প্রথম, দ্বিতীয়, তৃতীয় ও চতুর্থ ভাগ) প্রতি ভাগের দাম : ১০০ টাকা মাত্র আনন্দগিরিপুস্তক-টাকা ও শাক্তরত্নায়া সহ	
দুর্গাচরণ সাংখ্য বেদান্ততীর্থ কর্তৃক অনূদিত ও সম্পাদিত	
ঈশ, কেন, কঠ (যমুনা)	
মুগ্ধক (যমুনা)	
শ্রীমদ্ভগবদগীতা (বোর্ড বাঁধাই)	৪০.০০
প্রমথনাথ তর্কভূষণ কর্তৃক অনূদিত ও সম্পাদিত	
শ্রীমদ্ভগবদগীতা (যমুনা)	
পদ্ম ছন্দে গীতা	১০.০০
শ্রীশ্রীচণ্ডী (বোর্ড বাঁধাই)	৪০.০০
মেয়েদের ব্রতকথা	২০.০০
বিভিন্ন নৃত্যকর্ম পদ্ধতি	০২.০০
দেব সাহিত্য কুটির প্রাইভেট লিমিটেড	
২১, বামাপুস্তক লেন □ কলকাতা-৭০০ ০০৯	

স্বদেশীয় মিত্রদের

কর্নল

নিম্নলিখিত সরকার। দেশীয় প্রকৃতিবিদ,
শেখার রহস্যভেদী। সবকানী পাঠকের প্রিয়
কর্নলের রহস্য ৪টি বই
হিকারি ডিকারি ডক রহস্য ৩৫.০০
কর্নলের চার রহস্য ৫০.০০
কর্নলের আরো ২ ৫০.০০
কর্নলের ৫ রহস্য ৭০.০০



দীনেশচন্দ্র চট্টোপাধ্যায়



চমিশের মশকের শেখ...
স্বাধীনতা-দেশভাগ, লক্ষ
মানুষের ভাগ্যবিপর্যয়ের
পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে অন্যান্য-দুর্নীতির
বিরুদ্ধে এক যুবকের আপসহীন
লড়াই। ঘটনায় ঘটনায়
আলোড়িত গভীর মানবতার
অথকাশিত উপন্যাস।

মানুষে অমানুষে

মুদ্রিত ইঙ্গল ৮০.০০ দীনেশচন্দ্র রচনাসংগ্রহ
৭৫.০০ নাম তার ডাবা ৩০.০০ নিম্নের
খোঁজে ডাবা ১৫.০০ প্রথম পুরুষ ৪০.০০

অমাবিল হাসিনাজা

সম্মিলিত চট্টোপাধ্যায়ের
নারোহিমারি ৪০.০০
নিবন্ধন চক্রবর্তীর
হর্যবর্ধন একডজন ৩৫.০০
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নাগাদ (17 hours on 18 August 1945) যেমন
দুর্ঘটনায় ওকতর আহত যাত্রী যেহেতু একটি বাক্স
এসে উপস্থিত হয় তাইহোক মিগিস্সি
হাসপাতালে। এদের মধ্যে দুজন ভারতীয়, যার
একজন 'চন্দ্র বোস'। Yoshimi সুভাষচন্দ্রকে অস্বাভাবিক
কখনও দেখেননি। একজন জাপানি সৈন্যকমান্ডার
কর্নেল সত্বত Ishii এরকম গোছের নাম হলে,
(Yoshimi তাঁর নাম স্মরণ করতে পারেননি) তিনি
Yoshimiকে চিনিয়ে সেন কে 'চন্দ্র বোস'। রাত
১১টা-র সময় বোস মারা যান (...at about 2300
hours, he (Bose) died.) MID রিপোর্ট অনুযায়ী
Yoshimi হাবিবুর রহমান নামের কতিপয় সৈন্যের
না বা তাঁর নাম গোপনে তবু ইতিমধ্যে ন্যাশনাল
আর্মি-র একজন কর্নেল যিনি বোসের সহযোগী
হিসেবে ছিলেন তাঁর কথা উল্লেখ করেছেন। চন্দ্র
বোসের মৃত্যুর পর তাঁর দেহতে Formalin
ইন্জেকশন দেন Yoshimi। কথিনিটি আশিকভাবে
'Lime'-এ পূর্ণ করে তার মধ্যে মৃতদেহটি রাখা
হয়। ২০ আগস্ট ওয়ারেন্ট অফিসার Nishi-র
দায়িত্বে বাস্তবায়িত বোসের মৃতদেহ তাইহোক
বিমানবন্দরে নিয়ে যাওয়া হয়। Nishi পরে ফিরে
আসেন এবং তাকে (Yoshimi) জানান যে কিছু
অজ্ঞাত কারণে মৃতদেহ জাপানে নিয়ে যাওয়া সম্ভব
হয়নি এবং মৃতদেহ স্থানে দাহ করার জন্য
পাঠানো হয়েছে—“For some unknown reason
could not be taken to Japan and was to be
sent to the crematorium for cremation.”
Yoshimi চন্দ্র বোসের নামে ডেথ সার্টিফিকেট ইস্যু
করেন ১৮ আগস্ট, ১৯৪৫।
Figgess-এর রিপোর্টে উল্লিখিত ডা. Tsuruta ও
ডা. Yoshimi-র বক্তব্য তুলনা করলে দেখা যাচ্ছে
সুভাষচন্দ্রের হাসপাতালে ভর্তি, মৃত্যুর সময়,
মৃতদেহ সংরক্ষণ, প্রেরণ ও দাহ-র সময় ভিন্ন।
প্রথম চিকিৎসকের বক্তব্যানুসারে সুভাষচন্দ্র বিকেল
৩টে নাগাদ হাসপাতালে ভর্তি হয়েছিলেন এবং
সাতটার একটু পরেই মারা যান। তাঁর কক্ষবন্দী
দেহ নিয়ে যাওয়া হয় এবং দাহ করা হয় ১৯
আগস্ট। দ্বিতীয় চিকিৎসকের বক্তব্যানুসারে
সুভাষচন্দ্র বিকেল ৫টা নাগাদ হাসপাতালে ভর্তি
হন এবং রাত ১১টা নাগাদ মারা যান। তাঁর
বাস্তবায়িত দেহ নিয়ে যাওয়া হয় এবং দাহ করা হয়
২০ আগস্ট। এ ছাড়া প্রথম চিকিৎসক হাবিবুর
রহমানের কথা উল্লেখ করেছেন, দ্বিতীয় চিকিৎসক
তা করেননি। কিন্তু সব থেকে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ প্রশ্ন হল,
ডা. Tsuruta সুভাষচন্দ্রের নামে একবার ডেথ
সার্টিফিকেট ইস্যু করার পর ডা. Yoshimi কেন
আবার ডেথ সার্টিফিকেট ইস্যু করলেন? একই
ব্যক্তির নামে দুই চিকিৎসকের দু'বার ডেথ
সার্টিফিকেট ইস্যু করার মধ্যে ঘটনার সত্যতা
সম্পর্কে কি সন্দেহ উদ্ভূত হয় না? ১৯৪৪ সাল
থেকে সুভাষচন্দ্র জাপানকে বোম্বার্নের অন্যতম
করেছিলেন, যাতে তাঁকে মাফুরিয়া যাবার অনুমতি
দেওয়া হয় এবং রাশিয়ার সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ রেখে
ব্রিটিশদের বিরুদ্ধে আক্রমণ আরও তীব্রতর করে
তুলতে পারেন। এই প্রেক্ষাপটে জাপানের সহযোগী
সুভাষচন্দ্রের পলায়ন এবং পাশাপাশি মৃত্যুবাস

প্রচারের মাধ্যমে ব্রিটিশদের হাতে তাঁকে সমর্পণ না
করার সুকৌশল অনেক বেশি গাঢ়তর, জটিল
এবং সুচিন্তিত।
Figgess-এর রিপোর্ট চাড়াও 'জাপানিস্ মিডিক্যাল
ইন্টেলিজেন্স'র 'হিকারি কিকান' (Hikari
Kikan)-এর তাইসে সুভাষচন্দ্র সম্পর্কে বোসের তথ্য
বা নির্দেশ রয়েছে তা সুভাষচন্দ্রের বিমান দুর্ঘটনায়
মৃত্যুর ঘটনার সত্যতা সম্পর্কে যথেষ্ট সন্দেহ উদ্ভূত
করে। হিকারি কিকান ছিল এমনই একটি সংগঠন
যা সেই সময় জাপান সরকার ও আর্মি ছিল
বাহিনীর সঙ্গে সর্বদা সংযোগ রক্ষা করে চলত।
এই সংগঠনটি জাপান সরকার নিজেই গঠন
করেছিল। জাপানের Chief of Staff, Southern
Army, Signal 393 কিছু নির্দেশ প্রেরণ করেছিল
হিকারি কিকান-কে উদ্দেশ্যে যে সুভাষচন্দ্র
সম্পর্কিত অতি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ গুপ্ত নির্দেশ
'আদ্যাদ্যদানের ক্ষেত্রে তাঁকে চিহ্নিত করা হয়েছে
'T'-এই সঙ্কেত বা অক্ষরে) —“Today at
1700 hrs (17 Aug), 'T' with Lt. Gen. SHIDEI
and others left here for Tokyo via FORMOSA
and MANILA. Inform Indian Community of
this.” এই নির্দেশ ১৮ আগস্ট প্রেরণ করা
হয়েছিল। এখানে লক্ষ করার বিষয়, বিমান দুর্ঘটনা
হয়েছিল ১৮ আগস্ট বেলা ২টা নাগাদ। তাহলে
সুভাষচন্দ্র কী করে বিকাল ৫টা নাগাদ ফরমোসা ও
দাখলিন হয়ে টোকিও অভিমুখে যাত্রা করলেন।
অন্যে নির্দেশের এক স্থানে বন্ধীর মধ্যে '17 Aug'
বোঝা দ্রষ্টব্য করা হল? এটা কি জাপানিদের
অনিচ্ছাকৃত ভুল? নাকি ১৮ আগস্ট মৃত্যুর খবর
প্রচারিত হবে বলে সুভাষচন্দ্র ১৭ আগস্ট-ই
টোকিও অভিমুখে রওনা নিয়েছিলেন? বিষয়টা
যদি 'Top Secret' তখন ভারতীয়দের জানানোর
কথাই বা সেনা বলা হল?
তাবার ২০ আগস্ট হিকারি কিকানকে 'Signal
68'-এর মাধ্যমে Southern Army কে খবর
পাঠিয়েছিল তা এরকম —“'T' while on his
way to the capital, as a result of an accident
to his aircraft at TAIHOKU at 1400 hrs on
the 18th, was seriously injured and died at
midnight on the same date. His body has been
floated to TOKYO by the Formosan Army.”
অর্থাৎ Figgess রিপোর্টে উল্লিখিত ডা. Yoshimi-র
বক্তব্যানুসারে Warrent Officer Nishi তাঁকে
জানায় যে কিছু অজ্ঞাত কারণে বোসের দেহ
জাপানে নিয়ে যাওয়া সম্ভব হয়নি এবং মৃতদেহটি
স্থানে দাহ করার জন্য পাঠানো হয়। Figgess-এর
রিপোর্টে উল্লিখিত দুই চিকিৎসকের পরস্পর ভিন্ন-
মতামত এবং হিকারি কিকান-কে প্রেরিত নির্দেশ
পর্যালোচনা করে একটি বিষয় স্পষ্ট হয়ে ওঠে, তা
হল, বিমান দুর্ঘটনায় নেতাজির মৃত্যুর ঘটনাটি
জাপানে অনুত ভাষাশের ঘনঘটা, সাজানো ঘটনা।
[তথ্যসূত্র : অনিল সেনগুপ্ত-র রিপোর্ট— What
Really Happened? প্রকাশিত হয়েছিল—
Impressions, The Sunday Statesman,
১৬.১৯৯৭।]
পাঠকদের উদ্দেশ্য করি, নেতাজির অন্যতম সঙ্গী
কর্নেল শ্রীতম নিং-এর কথা যাঁকে মনোজ

মুখ্য-স্বাক্ষর কমিশন নেতাজির বিমান দুর্ঘটনার
মৃত্যুর সংগ্ৰহ সম্পর্কে জিজ্ঞাসাবাদ করেছে।
শ্রীতম সিং স্পষ্টভাবে জানিয়েছেন—‘মিউন ও
পরিচিতি যা ছিল তাতে ওই গোপনা বিশ্বাস করা
ছিল কমিশন যদি ১৮ আগস্ট বিমান দুর্ঘটনা হয়েই
পাক (এবং নেতাজিও ওই দিনই মারা গিয়ে
যাচ্ছেন)’ তাহলে আপানি কার্যকর নেতাজির কাছে
যাওয়ার জন্য ২০ আগস্ট আমাদের বিমান
দিয়েছিল কেন?’

কর্নেল শ্রীতম সিং-এর-ই যখন এই ধারণা তখনই
নেতাজির মৃত্যু সম্পর্কে আমাদের সঙ্গে সাধারণ
মানুষদের অবস্থান কী হতে পারে সে সম্পর্কে
সম্পাদক মহাশয়কে বিবেচনা করতে অনুরোধ
জানাই। সম্পাদকীয়র অগ্রিম পর্যায়ে সম্পাদক
মহাশয় প্রশ্ন উত্থাপন করেছেন—‘ছাপার বছর
পরেও যারা সত্যগচ্ছের মৃত্যুকে অস্বীকার করে,
স্বয়ং সত্যগচ্ছই কি এই সব অন্ধ ভক্তদের পছন্দ

করতে পারতেন। সুভাষচন্দ্রের জীবনাবধি
পর্য্যায়োচনা করলে জানা যায়, সুভাষচন্দ্র দেশের
অগণিত নিপীড়িত মানুষদের স্বাধীনতা প্রদানের
জন্যই নিজের জীবনকে দেশের সেবার উৎসর্গ
করেছিলেন। এজন্যই তিনি বলেছিলেন "তোমরা
আমাকে রক্ত দাও, আমি তোমাদের স্বাধীনতা
দেব।" স্বাধীনতাঙ্গলাভের পর থেকে আজ পর্যন্ত
যাঁরা ভারতবর্ষের দশমুণ্ডের কর্তা হয়েছেন এবং
দেশের আর্থ-সামাজিক পরিকাঠামো এবং
ভৌগোলিক ও সাংস্কৃতিক অখণ্ডতাকে বিনষ্ট
করেছেন, সুভাষচন্দ্র তাঁদেরকে শূণ্য করতেন।
তৎপাক্ষিত মুন্সীর ঘাণামি বহুর পয়েও চুয়াম বহরের
সম্মানসাম্যী স্বাধীন ভারতবর্ষে বহন দেশনায়কের
মুন্সী রহস্যের সত্যোদঘাটনে অপারগ, তখন
সুভাষচন্দ্রের তত্ত্বের শ্রেয় বর্ধণ কেন ?
উত্তমমুম্বার মিত্র

নেতাজির মৃত্যুরহস্য কি ষড়যন্ত্র?

স্বাধীনতা বিমান দুর্ঘটনায় নেতাজির মৃত্যু-রহস্য
বিগত শতাব্দীর সর্বাপেক্ষা জনমানসে
আসোছেন তোলা ঘটনা। কারণ এর সঙ্গে কোটি
কোটি ভারতবাসীর আবেগ জড়ানো। অনিত্য বসুর
সাক্ষাৎকার (২০ জানুয়ারি, ২০০১) পড়ে
নেতাজির মৃত্যু সম্পর্কে তাঁর ব্যক্তিগত মতামত
জানা গেলেও সুমনবাবুর গ্রন্থের উত্তরে সেওয়া
তাঁর বক্তব্যের কয়েকটি আংশিক সত্য বলে মনে
হল। সেই পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে এই পত্র।
শ্রীমতী বসুর বক্তব্যে ওঠা, শিক্ষা ও জীবিকা—
সবগুলির ফের হল জার্মানি। তাই শ্রীমতী বসুর
দেশের স্বাধীনতা আন্দোলনের শক্তিকথন প্রবীণ
ভারতবাসী এবং পরবর্তীকালে তাঁদের পরের
প্রত্যক্ষ—যারা প্রত্যেকে নেতাজিকে প্রত্যক্ষ ও
পরোক্ষভাবে চিনেছেন ও জ্ঞাতেন, তাঁদের
আবেগের সঙ্গে শ্রীমতী বসু পরিচিত নন। লক্ষণীয়
যে, শ্রীমতী বসুর লেখার আগেই সূভাষচন্দ্র বসু
ভারতবাসীর মনে একটি চিরস্থায়ী আসন লাভ করে
নিয়েছিলেন। তাই সেইসব ভারতবাসী এবং
আজকের প্রজন্মের কাছে “নেতাজি” শব্দটি যে
আত্মশ্রম ও আবেগ বহন করে আসে সেই
আত্মশ্রমের মূল্যমান বোধহয় শ্রীমতী বসুর কাছে
কম। তাই তিনি অনায়াসেই বলতে পারেন—
“কোন ঘটনা সত্য কোনটা মিথ্যা তা আমার কাছে
একেবারেই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ নয়।” এখনও যারা কখনো
করেন, নেতাজি জীবিত—তারা উন্নাদ, একথা
সত্য। এদের সংখ্যাও খুব কম। বেশির ভাগ
ভারতবাসী মনে করেন নেতাজি মৃত। কিন্তু মৃত্যুর
কারণ সম্পর্কে তারা বিভিন্ন সময়ে সন্দেহ প্রকাশ
করেছেন। নেতাজি যদি বিমান দুর্ঘটনায় মারা না
যান, তবে পরবর্তীকালে কোথায় কীভাবে ছিলেন
এবং তাঁর মৃত্যু কীভাবে ঘটল—এই প্রশ্নের উত্তর
আজ অনেকেরই বুদ্ধিছেন। বুদ্ধিছেন—তাঁরা একটাই
কারণ নেতাজি “বিমান দুর্ঘটনায় মৃত”—এই দাবির
কোনও অকণ্টা প্রমাণ আজ পর্যন্ত কেউ দিতে

পারেননি।
শ্রীমতী বসু সাক্ষাৎকারের শ্রমক অংশে বলেছেন—
“কিছু লোক তাঁরা হাবিবুর রহমানের সঙ্গে কথা
বলেছেন তাঁদের বক্তব্য, হাবিবুরের বক্তব্যেও
‘নাকি’ অসঙ্গতি আছে। যে উর্নি পোড়ার কথা উনি
উল্লেখ করেছিলেন তা ঠিক নয় বলে ওঁদের
ধারণা।” এখানে ‘নাকি’ এবং ‘ধারণা’ কথা দুটি
বিশেষভাবে লক্ষণীয়। হাবিবুর ছিলেন তথ্য-কথিত
বিমান দুর্ঘটনায় নেতাজির শেষ সঙ্গী। বর্তমানে
মৃত। বুক শেষে স্কেল থেকে ছড়া গেয়ে উনি
কলকাতার উড়বানি রোডে শরৎচন্দ্র বসু
(নেতাজির মেজনা) সঙ্গে দেখা করতে আসেন।
বসু পরিবারে একমাত্র শরৎচন্দ্র বসুই ছিলেন
নেতাজির কাজের একনিষ্ঠ সমর্থক। শরৎচন্দ্রের
বাড়িতে রাতে শাওয়ার টেবিলে হাবিবুর
বলেছিলেন, বিমান দুর্ঘটনার সময় যে পোশাক তাঁর
পায়ে ছিল সেই পোশাক পরেই তিনি তখন কেতে
বসেছিলেন। ওই দুর্ঘটনায় অগ্নিদগ্ধ নেতাজিকে
হাবিবুর রহমান-ই জাপটে ধরে তাঁর আগুন নিভিয়ে
ফেলেন। অথচ তাঁর নিম্নের পোশাকে আগুনের
একটুও আঁচ লাগল না। এ থেকেই বলা যায়
হাবিবুরের বক্তব্যে ‘নিশ্চিত’ অসঙ্গতি ছিল। এবং
এই ‘ধারণা’ কটকটিত তো নয়ই—বরং এই ঘটনা
তাঁদের অসঙ্গতিকেই জোরালো করে তোলে। এই
ধরনের অসঙ্গতি শ্রীমতী বসুর কাছে কেন
‘হোটখাটো’ বলে মনে হল, সেটাই আকর্ষণের।
হাবিবুর তাঁর বক্তব্য থেকে এক লুপও সরে যাননি।
তাঁর কারণ নেতাজির প্রতি তাঁর আনুগত্য। নিম্নান
দুর্ঘটনায় নেতাজির মৃত্যু যে বানানো—তা তিনি
সেদিন নৈশভোজে শরৎচন্দ্র বসুকেই ইস্তে
জানিয়ে গেছিলেন। ১৯৪৬-এর ৭ মার্চ আজাদ
হিন্দ ফৌজের কবচজনকে দিগন্তে আনে ব্রিটিশ
সরকার। সেখান থেকে তাদের নিয়ে যাওয়া হয়
ক্যাবুল লাইন-এ। সেখান হাবিবুরের সঙ্গে বন্দি
ছিলেন আজাদ হিন্দ ফৌজের কর্নেল—ঈরাতম

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ঐশান চন্দ্র ঘোষ

জাতক (১-৬) ১৭০ জাতক মঞ্জুরী ১০০
 সাধন কয়ল চৌধুরী মিলিন্দপত্র ১১২
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 পরমেশ আচার্য
 ছোটগঙ্গে মুসলমান সমাজঃ সমীক্ষা ৮০
 ডঃ নবীগোপাল গোস্বামী
 চৈতন্যোত্তর যুগে গৌড়ীয় বৈষ্ণব ৭৫
 ডঃ সুব্রতসুন্দর গঙ্গোপাধ্যায়
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 ডঃ কৃষ্ণপদ গোস্বামী
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 ডঃ পার্শ্বনাথ রায়চৌধুরী
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Narinder Chauhan
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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.V

April 30, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/649 dated March 27, 2001 and in continuation of my letter of even number dated 27th April, 2001, regarding request to the High Commission of India, London to contact some eminent personalities whom the Commission wishes to examine as witnesses during their forthcoming visit to the U.K.

In the meantime we have received a detailed fax message from Shri H.S.Puri, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, London on the above subject. A copy of the same, with enclosures, is enclosed for your information and appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri P.K.Sengupta, WBHJS(Retd.)
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
Calcutta.

✓ Copy to : Shri H.S.Puri, DHC, HCI, London for information

with personal regards,
N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

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✓ JS(AMS & CNV) from DHC

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I am writing in continuation of my letter of April 20 regarding the proposed visit of the Chairman and Secretary of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to UK. In my letter I had indicated that of the three individuals whom the Commission wishes to examine, Col Hugh Toy has already conveyed that he would not be available in London on the proposed dates. We are separately trying to ascertain the contact particulars of Sir John Figgens and would appreciate if any information that the Commission has about him could be shared with us.

25th
DHC (CNV) 27th

We have today received a letter from Sir Malcolm Rifkind that he too will be out of London from May 10-18, 2001. He has also indicated that he may not be in a position to provide any assistance to the Commission. A copy of his letter of April 18 is attached.

So also-B
Urgent P.R. on file
27th

We have also received a letter from Lord Archer conveying that he would be happy to meet the Commission on the afternoon of May 14, 15 or 17. A copy of his letter of April 20 is also attached.

I would appreciate if you could convey this information to the Commission and check if they would like to reschedule their visit in view of the fact that two of the three concerned individuals will be unavailable on the proposed dates.

With best wishes
[Signature]
(H.S. Puri)

for JM

From: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Archer of Sandwell, Q.C.

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The Acting High Commissioner
The High Commission of India
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20th April 2001

Your ref: Lon/Pol/103/17/00

In the Lord,

Thank you for your letter relating to the forthcoming visit of the Commission of Inquiry into the disappearance of Chandra Bose.

I would be happy to meet the Chairman and Secretary, and I could be available at, say, 4pm on the afternoon of 14th, 15th, or 17th May.

May I suggest that we have tea together in the House of Lords on one of those days.

If someone would care to ring me on this number in the House of Lords, or, if no-one is available here, at my home number, 01784 483136, we can arrange the details.

Yours sincerely
[Signature]

From: The Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Rifkind KCMG QC

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18 April 2001

Mr H S Puri
Acting High Commissioner
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Dear Mr Puri,

Thank you for your letter with regard to the visit of the Commission of Inquiry investigating the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sadly, I will not be in London between 10 and 18 May as we are expecting to be in the middle of our General Election campaign, and I will need to be in Edinburgh throughout that time.

In any event, I do not think that I could be of any assistance to the Commission, as I have no personal information or knowledge in relation to the matters they are investigating.

I am sorry to have to send you an unhelpful response but I hope you will understand the reasons.

Kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,
Sir Malcolm Rifkind



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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

April 27 , 2001

Justice M.K.Mukherjee, Chairman of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose proposes to visit Russia in order to hold the hearing of the Commission to record evidence of the local witnesses. A copy of the Commission's self-explanatory letter received by us in this regard is enclosed.

As per the directions of the PMO and MHA, we are obliged to extend all possible assistance to the Commission. I shall therefore be grateful if you could kindly confirm whether the assistance requested by the Commission can be provided by the Mission to enable us to send them a reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri N.Ravi
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India,
Moscow.

Copy for information to: Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secy., Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calcutta-700 087 w.r.t. their letter no. JMCI/Overseas-witnesses /2000-01/70/30 dated 19th April, 2001.

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

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April 27 , 2001

Justice M.K.Mukherjee, Chairman of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, proposes to visit Japan in order to hold the hearings of the Commission there and to record the evidence of those of the witnesses earlier examined by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and Khosla Commission of Inquiry who are still alive and likely to be available for the purpose besides other local witnesses, if any, who may be interested to depose before the Commission in response to the public notice to be issued by ~~the~~ them. Justice Mukherjee would be accompanied by Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary to the Commission.

The Commission has desired that our Embassy in Tokyo may provide them secretarial assistance including interpretation facility in Japanese language and office equipments (i.e. typewriters and tape recorders etc.) for the proposed hearing in Japan. A copy of the Commission's letter sent to us in this regard is enclosed .

As per the directions of the PMO and MHA, we are obliged to extend all possible assistance to the Commission. I shall therefore be grateful if you could kindly confirm whether the assistance required by the Commission ~~may~~ be provided to enable us to send them a reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Biren Nanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

Copy for information to : Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secy., Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calcutta-700 087 w.r.t. their letter no. JMCI/Overseas-witnesses/2000-01/70/28 dated 17th April, 2001.

re
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)



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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.V

April 27, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/649 dated March 27, 2001 requesting the High Commission of India, London to contact some eminent personalities whom the Commission wishes to examine as witnesses during their forthcoming visit to the U.K.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self-explanatory letter alongwith its enclosure received from Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, London for your information and appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri P.K.Sengupta, WBHJS(Retd.)
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
Calcutta.

Copy to : Shri H.S.Puri, DHC, HCI, London for information

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No. JMCI/Commissioner/51/12(60)

Calcutta, dated, the 9th April, 2001.

From
Shri N.K.Panja, WBHJS (Retd.)
Principal Private Secretary & Commissioner

N O T I C E

The undersigned hereby gives notice to all concerned for their information and necessary action that he has been appointed Commissioner by the Commission for recording deposition of :-

- (i) Dr. Jagadamba Prashad Shrivastava, President, All India Netaji Subhas Chandra Sansthan, Lal Shahib-ki-Kothi, Purani Dari Mandi, Sitapur (U.P.).
- (ii) Shri Bhandari Baba, Cantonment Area Mandir, Sitapur (U.P.).
- (iii) Dr. Alokesh Bagchi, Krishna Nursing and Bagchi Maternity Centre, Sumer Saga Road, Gorakhpur- 273 001.
- (iv) Shri Vishawa Bandhoo Tiwari, President, Azad Hind Sangh (East Zone), 289/242, Tiwari Nagar, Moti Nagar, Lucknow (U.P.).
- (v) Sri I.B. Saxena, Editor, Vishawa Neta Weekly, Delhi/Lucknow, Asst. Supreme Commander, Akhand Bharat Sabha, 795, Krishna Samarpan Mandir, Azad Nagar, Alambagh, Lucknow - 226 005.

..The undersigned has accordingly fixed 26th April, 2001 (Thursday), 27th April, 2001 (Friday) 28th April, 2001 (Saturday) and 30th April, 2001 (Monday) for recording their deposition as per programme below :-

- 26.04.2001 = (i) Dr. Jagadamba Prosad Shrivastava.
(ii) Shri Bhandari Baba.
- 27.04.2001 = (i) Dr. Alokesh Bagchi.
- 28.04.2001 } = (i) Shri Biswa Bandhu Tiwari.
- 30.04.2001 } = (i) Shri I.B.Saxena.

The witnesses will be examined in the Circuit House, Lucknow, at or about 11.30 A.M. on the above mentioned dates, as per programme above. If recording of any of the aforesaid witnesses is not completed on the schedule date, the recording will

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be resumed on the next date at 11.30 A.M.

N.K. Panja
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Principal Private Secretary
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To
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No. JMCI/Overseas-witnesses/2000-01/70/30 Calcutta, dated, the 19th April, 2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi- 110001.

Sub : Holding of hearings of the Commission
in Formosa, Russian Union and some
other concerned States created out of
erstwhile U.S.S.R. to peruse relevant
records and to examine competent
witnesses available there.

S i r,

In continuation of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/503 dated 06.02.2001, I am directed to state that the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission proposes to visit Formosa, Russian Union and some other concerned States created out of erstwhile U.S.S.R. to hold the hearings of the Commission and to record evidence of the competent local witnesses who may be interested in the hearings of the Commission and may be willing to depose before the Commission including those witnesses referred to in the book entitled, "Netaji Mystery" authored by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha. A list of those witnesses is enclosed. I am accordingly directed to request you to kindly take up the matter with our Embassies in those countries so that they may extend all necessary help for publication of the required notice to be issued by the Commission. After hearing from your end, a copy of the notice in English will be sent to the Indian Embassies in those countries either direct or through you for publication by them of the respective notices in English and in the State languages concerned.

I am also directed to request you to kindly obtain the present address of each of the said enlisted witnesses

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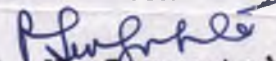
referred to by Dr. Sinha, who are still alive, through the good offices of the Indian Ambassadors concerned and furnish the same to the Commission in advance.

I am further directed to state that in the interest of economy, the Hon'ble Chairman has desired that he will be accompanied by the Secretary of the Commission only during his visit to those countries in anticipation that the required personnel including Stenographers, Interpreters from English to the language of witnesses (if the same is other than English) and vice versa, Assistants and other supporting personnel as also the equipments, like, type-writer, tape recorders, etc. for the purpose of the proposed hearings would be provided by the Indian Embassies in those countries who may also be requested to take necessary action and extend all necessary help to the Commission so that the Commission can smoothly travel to those foreign countries and hold its hearings there and come back to India on completion of the tour which is likely to be for four weeks or so.

It may be mentioned here that the above programme is being made in anticipation of extension of the present term of the Commission expiring on 14.05.2001. Detailed programme of visit of the Commission to the aforesaid countries will be communicated to you on receipt of your reply to this letter.

Enclosure: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Overseas-witnesses/2000-01/70/30(2). Dated 19th April, 2001

Copy forwarded to : 1) Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.
2) Ms. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS-I),
Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of
India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
for information and favour of necessary action.

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Names and particulars of the witnesses available in
Formoza/Russia as mentioned in the book entitled,
'Netaji Mystery' authored by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha.

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Sl. No. (mentioned in "Netaji Mystery" by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha)	Particulars of the witnesses furnished in "Netaji Mystery" by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha.
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1. Gen. Pao	.. He was employed in the External Affairs Department, Government of Formoza and posted at Taipeh in 1964.
2. Mr. Chuang	.. He was a Senior Officer in the Department of External Affairs, Government of Formoza, posted in New Delhi, as a Special Representative of Chinese Government.
3. Mr. Tao	.. He was a Senior Officer in the Department of Culture, Government of Formoza.
4. Mr. Yu	.. He was posted at Taipeh Airport during the Second World War. His duty was to fill in the Oil Tanks of the Aircrafts.
5. Col. Yeh	.. He was in the team of Pilots when the air-field of Kinomen island was taken over by the Formoza Government from the Japanese and before that he was posted in New Delhi in the Embassy of the Formoza Government as a Military attache.
6. Mr. Ting	.. He started his carrier as a Businessman in Taipeh in 1964. Before that he was in the Detective Department of the Chungking Government/Nationalist Chinese Government. He was also posted in Calcutta before the Second World War when he learnt Bengali.

IN RUSSIA

1. Mr. Ivan Ling	.. He is a Chinese-Russian by birth. He was a Warder of the K.G.B. Jail in Russia where Netaji was lodged as a prisoner after the Communist Party of China captured Peking from the Nationalist Government of China.
2. Mr. Yeakuttang	.. He was one of the Europeans who was captured by the U.S.S.R. and put in prison in Siberia.

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S1. Name of the witnesses
No. (mentioned in "Netaji
Mystery" by Dr. Satya-
narayan Sinha)

Particulars of the witnesses furnished
in "Netaji Mystery" by Dr. Satyanarayan
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3. Mr. Goga Mukherjee

.. His parents were Abani Mukherjee and Fitingoff, a Russian lady. Abani Mukherjee was reportedly put in prison by Stalin because he allegedly requested Stalin to do justice to Subhas Chandra Bose who was languishing in the prison of Yeakutska of Siberia as alleged by Goga.

4. Mr. Majhut

.. He was the Chief of the Indian Branch of the Comintern in U.S.S.R. and was put to prison of Yeakutska in Siberia being a follower of Trotosky. Mr. Majhut had discussion with Subhas Chandra Bose on different occasions in India before the Second World War. He allegedly met Subhas Chandra Bose in the said prison in 1950-51 in Cell No. 45 thereof.

5. Smt. Vera

.. She was the Director of the Asian Secret Branch of the Comintern of U.S.S.R. during the regime of Stalin. In 1955 she used to look after the works of Asian Tourists Branch of the Intourist Department of U.S.S.R.

6. Mr. Asrakoff

.. He was an employee of the Central Asian Branch of the Intourist Department of U.S.S.R. in 1955. He got an occasion to discuss with Netaji in March 1941 and accompanied him from the border of Afganistan to Moscow as per direction of the Comintern.



H.S.Puri
Deputy High Commissioner

Dy. No. 5327 JS(AMS)/01
Dated 24.4.01

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April 20, 2001

Jean Jayant,

Kindly refer to letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/649 dated March 27, 2001 from the Secretary of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (a copy of which was endorsed to you) requesting the High Commission to contact some eminent personalities whom the Commission wishes to examine as witnesses during the forthcoming visit of the Chairperson and Secretary of the Commission to the UK.

2. In pursuance of the Commission's request, I had written to all three individuals mentioned in the aforementioned letter. I have now received a reply from Col. Hugh Toy which is enclosed herewith.

3. As you will note, Col. Toy will, himself, not be available during the period of the Commission's visit. He has, however, provided some extremely useful extracts from an updated version of his original book, which is due to be published by Allied Publishers in New Delhi. I am enclosing these extracts, but would flag your attention to Col. Toy's observation that the copyright belongs to Allied Publishers and their authority would have to be sought for publication of the extracts.

4. Col. Toy has also suggested the name of Sir John Figgens as a possible witness since he is reported to have interviewed the Japanese survivors of the aircraft crew, including the Captain Nonagaki. Whilst we are trying to ascertain the whereabouts of Sir John Figgens, I would appreciate any information that the Commission might have regarding him.

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5. I would be grateful if you could convey the above, including enclosures, to Shri P.K. Sengupta as we cannot enter into correspondence of a confidential nature directly with the Commission.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

H.S. Puri
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Dear High Commissioner,

Thank you for your letter about Justice Mukherjee's enquiry. I should much like to have responded positively although I have absolutely nothing new to say.

However I shall be abroad for the whole period you mention - long standing arrangements that could not be changed now.

In a largely updated version of my original book, which has been with Allied Publishers in New Delhi for publication since 1996, I have summarised all the detail available on pp 213-216, which I enclose with two pages of notes to those

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Mr Justice Mukherjee is
presumably going to see Sir John
Figgens who I think is still alive
and living near Reading. He was
a member of the then UK Liaison
Mission to Japan and as such
interviewed the Japanese survivors of
the aircraft crew, including the
Captain NONAKI, who helped Habibullah
Rehman beat out the flames that had
engulfed Netaji. One couldn't get
closer to reality than that.

Yours sincerely

/Hugh Tor

Note: A BBC broadcast on the morning of 12 August (already afternoon in Singapore) had been taken down by Dr Lakshumeyah's secretary. It clearly indicated that Japan was about to surrender

At about 2 a.m. on August 13th, Dr Lakshumeyah, who had been left in charge in Singapore, arrived in Seremban to give Bose this news, too sensitive for the telephone. It was a hot night; Bose was sitting in his vest under a fan. 'So that is that', he said. 'Now, what next?' Then, with leaden irony, 'Well, don't you see that we are the only people who have not surrendered?' Where indeed did his Government stand? Had Japan expected him to declare war on Russia two days ago? Odd, he had not thought of that. The talk wandered on until the messengers went to bed. 'Now we have got to think out what we shall do,' he said quietly to Ayer as they sat on the verandah outside his room. Ayer was anxious that he should have some sleep - but there was to be little rest that night - 'It doesn't matter. We shall have plenty of rest from tomorrow on.'

Netaji reached Singapore during the evening of August 13th and was soon immersed in discussions with his advisers. Despite the news, which conveyed little of the awesome devastation of the atomic bomb, only slowly comprehended even in Tokyo, he could not believe that the Japanese would give in. On the 14th there was a Special Order of the Day warning against rumours. "We have to face any situation that may arise, like brave soldiers fighting for the freedom of their Motherland."³² In the afternoon he had a tooth out; in the evening he saw a play about the Rani of Jhansi staged by women of the Regiment. The routine work had been done, contingent orders drawn up for the IIL, for the disposal of funds and for general administration.

On Wednesday the 15th the Emperor of Japan, his guards having defeated the last die-hard attempt of the previous night to ward off the inevitable, spoke sadly and bravely to his people. Hachiya gave formal notice of the surrender. The discussions were resumed, the last Order of the Day written, the final message prepared.³³ What was to be done? Netaji's first impulse had been not to surrender. Let his Commander-in-Chief, Major General Kiani, take contingents of INA guerrillas into the Malayan jungle to resist and harass the British when they arrived. Kiani refused: this would merely invite reprisals on the Indian population; fighting on alone where it could not affect the situation in India was unjustified. The right course, he said, was to face the British in surrender here in Singapore, where the movement had begun and could best assert its identity. The struggle

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could be resumed if necessary when they got home. That was what he himself meant to do. But for Bose, for a revolutionary with arms in his hands, it went against the grain to lay them down unresisting. - Kiani had not reached the status of revolutionary and said so.34

Netaji then accepted the general consensus that the INA should surrender as it stood and that all records should be destroyed. What was not acceptable to him was that he should surrender in person:

'He was..unambiguous about his determination never again to fall into British hands. ... He was sure...that the British would try to humiliate him. This he would never accept.'35

Better far another leap into the dark, a new 'search of the Unknown'. The British had won their war - the facts that Churchill had lost a General Election, and that the views of the new Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, on the independence of India were known to be different, were forgotten or ignored. The end of the war would not end the fight for independence. There must still be resistance within, armed struggle without and help from abroad. The Japanese bar on an approach to Russia was no longer valid; might there not be a chance in the coming confusion to seek asylum there? How far had the Soviet Armies got? When would they reach Dairen at the southern tip of Manchuria, his nearest possible point of contact with them? Kiani had withdrawn from the argument:

'Subhas Chandra Bose wished that he should go away from Singapore and outside of the countries which were likely to be occupied by the Anglo-American forces so that he would not fall into their hands... He wanted to be captured by .. (the Russians) with the possibility of his being ultimately taken to Moscow.' There 'he had obviously hoped that he would have a role to play with regard to the freedom of his country during the post-war years.'36

The discussions went on until just before sunrise on the 16th when the decision was made. Bose would leave, taking with him as many as possible of his advisers and in particular Kiani: 'Unfortunately', says Kiani, 'it fell to my lot to disagree.' Of the others, Raghavan was unwell in Penang, Swami still had work to do there and arrived too late, 37 Lakshumeyah was too involved in the financial dispositions, some chose not to come; Thivy and Chatterji, hurrying from Taiping, never caught up with him. A committee was appointed to take charge in Singapore, with Kiani as representative of the Provisional Government. Bose left in his own aircraft at 9.30 a.m. with Ayer, Habib-ur-Rehman and his hero of the Palel fight, Pritam Singh. Others, he hoped, would follow.

In Bangkok he saw his most senior officer, Bhonsle, and Lieutenant-General Isoda who advised him to approach Southern Command Headquarters in Saigon. He toured the camps and made his last speeches to the soldiers, speeches they would never forget: 'Although we have to surrender now,' he said, 'we carry on the fight for India's freedom'. There was a last dinner party for his officers. He paid tribute to what they had achieved; let them not think of defeat - the INA had inspired in the Indian masses a unity and spirit which would never die. Let them retain their dignity and preach the cause. At half past five in the morning of the 17th Netaji and six of his officers were at the airport. Isoda and Hachiya accompanied them to Saigon. F.M.Terauchi, already a sick man, was at Dalat in the hills, where Isoda visited him and obtained authority to 'respect Bose's wishes' and send him with Lieutenant-General Shidei who was to leave that day for Dairen in Manchuria.³⁸ There wasn't room for all but a second seat was found in the heavily loaded aircraft. Habib-ur-Rehman, the Chief of Staff, was chosen to accompany his leader. The other five were to follow. If not they were to make their own way to India and continue the fight. It was a hurried, bewildered parting for which nobody was quite ready. 'Jai Hind', he said as he shook hands, 'I will see you later'.

There was tension also for the Japanese. Surrender having been formally ordered on the 16th, on the 17th the Imperial Princes left Tokyo to pass on the Emperor's order in person to the field armies.³⁹ Airfield staff were preoccupied with the Imperial travellers, and Shidei's plane took off without ceremony at 5 p.m. It landed at Tourane (later Da Nang) in Vietnam during the evening. Isoda signalled Bose's departure to Hikari Kikan Headquarters in Bangkok:

'Today at 1700hrs "T" [code for Bose] with Lt-Gen Shidei and others left here for Tokyo via Formosa and Dairen. Inform Indian community of this'.

At Tourane the anxious crew lightened the plane by removing its heavy machine-guns. The flight was resumed at five next morning, and Taipei in Formosa reached at noon. The passengers had lunch while the plane was refuelled and checked over. At about 2 p.m. it took off and was barely airborne when the port engine failed: the aircraft crashed and caught fire just off the end of the runway.⁴⁰ The two Indians struggled from the wreckage. Netaji, his clothes soaked in petrol from a broken tank, was ablaze. Habib and the aircraft Captain, Lieut-Colonel Nonogaki, beat out the flames, but there were head injuries as well as terrible burns on face and body.

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Even before he was taken to hospital Bose seems to have realised that he would not recover. 'I feel that I shall die', he said to Habib in Urdu, 'I have fought for Indian Independence until the last. Tell my countrymen, India will be free before long. Long live Free India'.41

Habib-ur-Rehman was near his master's bedside throughout the afternoon and evening, while life ebbed away. Three or four Japanese doctors attended him, the chief being Captain Taneyoshi Yosimi who survived to be interviewed for a BBC film in 1997. ~~and he~~ ^{Netaji} remained conscious for several hours, calm, asking for water, talking with Habib for a time and stoically dictating a message of thanks to Terauchi through an interpreter. But it was clear that nothing could save him. Soon after nine o'clock he sank into a coma; at eleven or a little after, he was gone. His worst enemy would not have wished for Netaji those last hours of hideous pain. He bore them bravely without complaint, like the hero he was. 42

Habib tried to have the body embalmed or transported to Singapore, but in the general confusion this proved impossible. Two days later, on Monday, August 20th, Netaji was cremated at Taipei. The ashes were taken to Japan by Habib-ur-Rehman, when he had recovered sufficiently from his own injuries, on September 5th. Funeral rites were observed on September 14th at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, where Netaji's ashes, greatly revered, remain.

News of Bose's death did not reach the outside world until August 21st when the Japanese released the news and the bare, horrifying, facts were broadcast from Delhi. The nine senior officers and ministers who were by then trying to follow him stopped, stunned and confused, in Saigon, Hanoi, Tokyo, wherever they happened to be. Everywhere Indians mourned, for a time half-believing that some miracle would cause him to reappear, that this was some new stratagem of disappearance; and a few still look for him, or see him momentarily, disguised as a Sanyasi, roaming the hills and villages of India. But it is certain that he died on August 18th, 1945, in the Japanese Military Hospital at Taipei. Had he survived and reached Dairen, where the Russians arrived on August 22nd, he would have tried to place himself and as many of his faithful friends as possible under their protection. This was something he still had to do for India, his last and decisive contribution to her freedom.

30. This account of Bose's last days relies on S.A. Ayer Unto Him a Witness (Bombay, 1954), pp.49-54.

31. Dr Muthu Krishna Lukshumeyah, interview 1946. Dr Lakshumeyah had served on the IIL Malayan Territorial Committee until 1945, when he was asked by Bose to take charge of Rear HQ. The BBC News at 8 a.m.(GMT) on Sunday August 12th 1945, which would have been received in Singapore during the afternoon, read:

'The next word on surrender lies with Japan. The reply embodying the views of the United States, Russia, China, and Britain and of our Dominions was passed on to the Japanese envoy in the Swiss capital late last night. But, of course, Japan must have known the essence of the reply long before that as it had been beamed by America's news service to the Pacific within a few minutes of its despatch from the White House. The Japanese Emperor received Tojo, the Foreign Minister, in audience last night - Sunday morning Japanese time - and heard from him a report on what the official broadcast described as "matters under his jurisdiction".'

BBC Written Archives Centre, Caversham Park, Reading.

32. Appx II No 14.

33. Appx II Nos 15 and 16.

34. Mohd Zaman Kiani, India's Freedom Struggle and the Great INA, New Delhi 1994, pp.161-164 contains the only account by a participant of the last discussions in Singapore.

35. Kiani, op.cit. p.163.

36. Kiani, op.cit. p.162.

37. Sent to Penang to move his espionage academy to Saigon, Swami had ended by helping the Japanese set up a stay-behind network in territories they were likely to lose.

38. Saito and Hayashida in S.K. Bose (ed) A Beacon Across Asia pp.222 and following have a full account of the journey. According to this Terauchi ordered Bose's flight on his own authority, with Shidei who was bound for Manchuria, contrary to orders from Tokyo. SACSEA Commission No 1 confirmed from the Japanese Air Staff in Saigon that the journey was to have been to Tokyo via Dairen: letter 63/2/34/GSI(b) of 6 Nov 45 to SACSEA.

39. For parallel events in Tokyo see Woodburn Kirby, op.cit. Vol V, pp.208-218. Prince Kaniuo was ordered to go to Saigon and Singapore, Prince Asaka to China and Prince Takeda to Manchuria: Toshikazu Kase, Eclipse of the Rising Sun, (London, 1951), p.254. See also for general timetable, Martin Gilbert Second World War, (London, 1989) pp.715-717.

40. There are several accounts of the crash with some contradictory details. Saito and Hayashida, loc.cit. have given a careful interpretation of what is known. Gordon, op.cit. has a very detailed account. The most immediate is perhaps the statement of Lieut-Colonel Nonogaki to Lieut-Colonel (now Sir John) Figgess of the UK Liaison Mission in Japan, and reported by him to SACSEA on 25 July 1946.

41. Habib-ur-Rehman interviewed at CSDIC(I) in December 1945.

42. Gordon, op.cit. pp. 541-3 has the most detailed account of Bose's injuries and death. Sir John Figgess's report contains the evidence of Sub Lieut (Medical) Tsuruta Toyoshi who assisted in Bose's treatment. An article, 'The Inside Story of Bose's Death', based on an interview with Sachindo Shyone, a former nurse who looked after Bose in his last hours,

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in the paper Yukan Miye, published in Honshu 20 August 1946, is the source for the message to Terauchi. The Senior Medical Officer of the Nanmon Hospital, Captain Taneyoshi Yosimi who attended him on arrival and supervised his treatment, made a detailed statement to a War Crimes Liaison Team in Stanley Gaol Hongkong on 19 October 1946 (PRO, WO 208/3812). Dr Taneyoshi was also interviewed for the BBC film, Enemy of Empire, in 1995. His evidence is clear and conclusive as to Bose's identity, injuries, condition and death.

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BY SPEED POST

No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/28, Calcutta, dated, the 17.04.2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Ref : This office letter No. JMCI/Overseas-
Witnesses/2000-01/70/513 dated 07.02.2001
and reply thereto in D.O. letter No.
25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated March 27, 2001 of
the Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV), Ministry
of External Affairs, Government of India,
regarding examination of living Japanese
witnesses.

S i r,

In inviting a reference to this Commission's letter
No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/18 dated 11.04.2001
on the aforesaid subject, I am directed to say that in the
interest of economy the Hon'ble Chairman has desired that
he will be accompanied by the Secretary of the Commission
only during the visit of the Commission to Japan in antici-
pation that the required personnel including Stenographers,
Interpretors from English to Japanese and vice versa,
Assistants and other supporting personnel as well as all
necessary equipments, like, Typewriter, Tape Recorders, etc.
for the purpose of proposed hearings would be provided by
the office of the Indian Embassy. Due to inadvertence it
was stated wrongly in the above-quoted letter that, besides
the Secretary of the Commission, two other Officers of the
Commission will be accompanying the Hon'ble Chairman to
Japan. This inadvertent mistake is regretted. I am to
request you to kindly read "he will be accompanied by the
Secretary of the Commission only" in place of "besides the
Secretary of the Commission, two other officials of the
Commission will accompany him" in the above-quoted letter
dated April 11, 2001.

I would like to repeat that the Commission proposes
to visit Japan to hold the hearings of the Commission there
and to record the evidence of those of the witnesses examined
before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and/or Khosla Commission
of Inquiry in Japan who are still alive and likely to be

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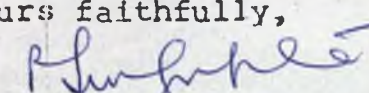
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available for the purpose and also of other competent local witnesses who may be interested in the hearings of the Commission and willing to depose before the Commission. For this purpose, a public notice is required to be issued by the Commission, both in English and Japanese languages, in Japan for information of all concerned in Japan. I am accordingly directed to request you again to kindly take up the matter with our Embassy in Japan so that the Embassy may extend all necessary help for publication of the notice to be issued by the Commission.

As stated in the letter dated April 11, 2001 referred to above, after hearing from your end a copy of the notice in English will be sent to the Embassy in Japan either direct or through you for publication of the notice in English and Japanese in Japan.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/28(2) Dated: 17.04.2001

Copy forwarded to :

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Government of India, North Block,
New Delhi-110001, and
- (2) Ms. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS-I),
Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India,
North Block, New Delhi-110001.

for information and favour of taking necessary action.

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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From : Shri. P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
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Ref : This office letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/513 dated 07.02.2001 and reply thereto in D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VI dated March 27, 2001 of the Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, regarding examination of living Japanese witnesses

Sir,

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With reference to the above, I am directed to state that the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission proposes to visit Japan to hold the hearings of the Commission there and to record the evidence of those of the witnesses examined before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and/or Khosla Commission of Inquiry in Japan who are still alive and likely to be available for the purpose and also other competent local witnesses who may be interested in the hearing of the Commission and willing to depose before the Commission. For this purpose, a public notice is required to be issued by the Commission, both in English and Japanese language, in Japan for information of all concerned in Japan. I am accordingly directed to request you to kindly take up the matter with our embassy in Japan so that the embassy may extend all necessary help for publication of the notice to be issued by the Commission. After hearing from your end a copy of the notice in English will be sent to the embassy in Japan either direct or through you for publication of the notice in English and Japanese in Japan.

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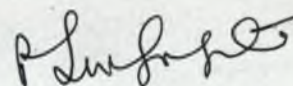
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I am further directed to state that in the interest of economy the Hon'ble Chairman has desired that he will be accompanied by the Secretary of the Commission only in anticipation that the required personnel including Stenographers, Interpreters from English to Japanese and vice versa, Assistants and other supporting personnel as also the equipments like, Typewriter, Tape-Recorders, etc. for the purpose of the proposed hearings would be provided by the office of the Indian Embassy in Tokyo. I am to request you to kindly request the Indian Embassy in Tokyo to take necessary action and extend all necessary help to the Commission so that the Commission can smoothly travel to Japan and hold its hearings there and come back to India on completion of the tour which is likely to be for a period of four weeks or so.

It may be mentioned here that the above programme of holding hearings in Japan is being made in anticipation of extension of the present term of the Commission expiring on 14.05.2001. A proposal has already been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for extension of the term of the Commission for a further period of one year with effect from 15.05.2001.

An early reply is solicited. After receiving your reply, detailed programme of visit of the Commission to Japan will be communicated to you.


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/18(2) Dated : 11.4.2001

Copy forwarded to (1) the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001 and (2) Ms. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS-1), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi - 110001 for information and necessary action.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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April 20, 2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : Shri H.S. Puri,
Deputy High Commissioner,
The High Commission of India,
India House, Aldwych,
LONDON WC2B 4NA.

Sub : Proposed visit of the Commission to
the U.K. to study the declassified
records pertaining to Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose at the British Library
and to examine certain persons as
witnesses.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No.
JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/649 dated March 27, 2001 on the above noted
subject and to request you to kindly send your reply in confirmation
as solicited in the aforesaid letter of the Commission since the
Commission proposes to visit U.K. from May 10, 2001 for 10(ten)
consecutive working days to accomplish the work of the Commission as
indicated in the aforesaid letter of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/36(3)

Dated :

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2. Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of Archives,
Government of India, Janpath, New Delhi 110001.
3. Smt. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India,
North Block, New Delhi 110001.

(P. K. Sengupta)
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Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

BY SPEED POST

No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/35

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Calcutta, dated, the 20th April, 2001.

Dear Mr. Prasad,

Please refer to my d.o. letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/650 dated March 27, 2001 to which your response is still awaited. Since the Hon'ble Chairman, being accompanied by me as the Secretary of the Commission, proposes to visit London from May 10, 2001 for 10 (ten) consecutive working days along with the Director General of National Archives of India, kindly let the Commission know urgently whether the three persons mentioned in my aforesaid d.o. letter have since been contacted and whether they would be available for examination as witnesses in U.K. during the aforesaid period. You must appreciate that we need at least a fortnight's time to make preparations for the visit to London for the purposes of studying documents at the British Library and examining witnesses in U.K. Without getting positive reply from your end, we are unable to make necessary preparations. If the programme to visit U.K. in May fails, it may not be possible to visit U.K. for the aforesaid purposes before July, 2001. I would, therefore, request to kindly expedite the matter.

With Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. Sengupta

To..

Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/35(1)

Dated : 20.04.2001.

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to
Smt. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of
Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-1.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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MOST IMMEDIATE

Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division

Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer to their No. I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) dated March 23, 2001 regarding classification of the documents originated from this Ministry concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. There is no document among the papers sent by the MHA alongwith their letter of March 14, 2001, that contains information not previously in the public domain in one form or another. This Ministry therefore have no objection for de-classification of these MEA origin documents.

3. This issues with approval of JS(AMS & CNV).

OK *A. Chauhan*
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)
Director(CNV)

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Ministry of Home Affairs(Shri Mukesh Mittal. DS(IS-I). North Block, New Delhi.
MEA U.O.No:25/4/NGO Vol.VI dated April 24, 2001

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MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI
Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division

New Delhi, the 20th April, 2001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer to their O.M.No. I/13013/25/2001-IS(US D.IV) dated April 18, 2001 regarding Provisional Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. 008409 for reply on 25.04.2001 by Shri P.Prabhakar Reddy, MP, concerning papers of Netaji accessible to public.

Since as per the news item enclosed with the O.M. under reference, the set of pre-independence documents mentioned in the news item have been stated to be in the possession of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Intelligence Bureau, this Ministry has no inputs to provide in the matter.

J/C
(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)

Ministry of Home Affairs,
(Attn. Shri V.P.Bhatia, US(IS),
North Block, New Delhi.

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By No. 572 JS(AMS) 101
Dated: 18/4/01

**MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION**

No. II/13013/25/2001-IS(US D.IV)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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New Delhi, the 18th April, 2001.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Provisional Starred/Unstarred Question
Dy.No. 008409 for reply on 25.4.2001 by
Shri P. Prabhakar Reddy, MP, regarding
making papers of Netaji accessible to
public.

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The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of a Provisional Admitted Question as referred to in the subject noted above alongwith a copy of the news item appearing in Telegraph dated the 26th March, 2001 and to request that the input with regard to various parts of the Question with particular reference to the news item alongwith a Note for Possible Supplementaries may be provided to this Ministry expeditiously and latest by 19th April, 2001.

(V.P. BHATIA)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

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To
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- 1) Cabinet Secretariat,
(Shri Rakesh Sarwal, Deputy Secretary),
Rashtrapati Bhavan,
NEW DELHI.
 - 2) Intelligence Bureau,
(Shri Anjan Ghosh, Joint Director),
NEW DELHI.
 - 3) Ministry of External Affairs,
(Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary),
South Block,
NEW DELHI.

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PROVISIONAL ADMITTED QUESTION FOR THE
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Order of
Preference :

Starred/Unstarred Diary No. S008409
The question will be put down for 25/04/2001
answer on the Ministry/Department HOME AFFAIRS
addressed by the Member(s)

Making papers of Netaji
accessible to public

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
Home Affairs be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of

- a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Sleeping Bomb lies in Netaji vault" appearing in Telegraph dated the 26th March, 2001;
- b) if so, Governments reaction thereto;
- c) whether it is proposed to declassify these papers and make them accessible to the public and if not the reasons therefor; and
- d) whether these papers, on demand, would be made available to Mukharjee Commission of Inquiry set up by the Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Sleeping bomb lies in Netaji vault

FROM CHANDAN NANDY

New Delhi, March 25: If declassified, a set of pre-Independence documents on Subhash Chandra Bose, locked away in the vaults of the Intelligence Bureau and the home ministry, could unleash "public disorder", especially in West Bengal.

These documents, essentially inputs provided by British intelligence to the then Cabinet, does not concern Netaji's mysterious disappearance. Nor do the documents provide any clue to his so-called incarceration in a Soviet "gulag" when Josef Stalin was in power.

The Cabinet papers, marked "Top Secret", contain several references to Netaji, which, according to top sources in the Vajpayee government, "would lower his es-

teem in the eyes of the public".

Because of the very nature of the contents — seven to eight Cabinet notes prepared on the basis of information provided by British intelligence — the file will never be declassified by the government, which claims complete privilege over it.

This means that the Centre will try and keep the matter under wraps even if the Justice Manoj Kumar Mukherjee Commission, instituted by the Vajpayee government in November 1999 to probe Netaji's death and the circumstances leading to it, applies pressure for their submission before the one-man panel.

"As of now there are no plans to hand over the documents to the Mukherjee Commission. There is no question of declassifying the papers," the sources said.

They added that "under no circumstances" will the government make public the pre-Independence documents, though their declassification would also put to rest, "once and for all", speculation that the much-talked about papers have anything to do with Netaji's death, disappearance or imprisonment in a Soviet prison.

Refusing to disclose the nature of the information contained in the British Cabinet papers, the sources said the remarks against the commander of the Indian National Army and Forward Bloc leader are "personal", but "have the potential to unleash large-scale public disorder, especially in West Bengal".

Besides, in recent years, the BJP has been attempting to project Netaji as an icon of its own. To some extent, the party has already

used Netaji as a counterfoil to the larger-than-life images of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, projected by the Congress. Netaji's "patriotic zeal" and his "militant perspective" have added to the qualities that the BJP rank and file have found attractive.

If released, the "too sensitive" documents are also likely to have repercussions in countries such as Japan, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia where there are still some die-hard Netaji followers.

Sources said the "sting could be taken out in one go only if they (the British Cabinet papers) are declassified". They argued that "after all", the remarks about Netaji have been made by British intelligence and officials of the day.

"It (the act of making the documents public) will have to be a political decision," the sources said.

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**Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
IS-I Division**

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Ministry of External Affairs may please refer to this Ministry's U.O. Note of even number dated 22nd/23rd March, 2001 regarding classification/de-classification of the documents originated from that Ministry concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. As requested therein a clear cut reply i.e. whether documents under reference are to be kept classified or de-classified, is still awaited. If MEA intends to continue with the classification of the document then brief reasons for doing so are also required to be furnished.

3. Since the matter is very urgent, it is requested that the required input may be provided to this Ministry expeditiously without any further delay.

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(MUKESH MITTAL)
Deputy Secretary(IS-I)

✓ Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary(AMN & CNV)
South Block, New Delhi.

MHA UO Note No.II/12014/13/2000-IS(US D.IV) Dated, the 29th March,2001.



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JAYANT PRASAD
JOINT SECRETARY(AMS & CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

March 27, 2001

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/513 dated 07.02.2001 regarding examination of living Japanese witnesses.

Our Embassy in Tokyo has since sent us an up-to-date list of contact addresses of the Japanese witnesses. A copy of the Embassy's letter along with its enclosures is enclosed for your information.

Your sincerely,

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JP (Jayant Prasad)

Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Ref:JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/652

Date : 27th March 2001

Smt. Sangeeta Gairola,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Govt. of India, North Block,
New Delhi 110 001

Subject : **Proposed visit of a team consisting of the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission and the officials of the National Archives of India to U.K. to study the de-classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witness.**

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Commission proposes to visit U.K. for the aforesaid purposes from May 10, 2001. It may take 10 consecutive working days to accomplish the work of the Commission in U.K. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, have already been requested to make all necessary arrangements and they, on their part, have already taken up the matter with the High Commission of India in London. I am enclosing a copy each of the d.o. letter dated 8.3.2001 of Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to me and confidential d.o. dated 27.02.01 from H.S. Puri, Deputy High Commissioner in London, to Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary, (AMS & CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, for ready reference

I am directed to request you to kindly move the Government for according necessary sanction for accommodation, D.A. and contingencies for the members of the team as per entitlement and actual costs of transport for the proposed visit of the Commission to U.K. I am to request you further to make all necessary arrangements from your end so that the Commission may visit U.K. for the above-mentioned purposes according to the programme indicated above.

I am further directed to mention here that this programme of visit to U.K. has been drawn up in anticipation of the present terms of the Commission expiring on 14.5.2001. A formal proposal for extension of the term for a further period of one year beyond 14.5.2001 has already been sent to the Government (vide N9o. JMCI/Admn/99-2001/32/640 dated 21.3.2001).

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Ref:JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/652(2)

Date : 27th March 2001

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Date : 27th March 2001

To
Shri H.D. Singh
Deputy Director of Archives
Government of India
Janpath
New Delhi 110 001

Subject : **Proposed visit by a team consisting of the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission and the official(s) of the National Archives of India to study the de-classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library, London.**

Reference : Your letter No. F.25-2(9)/2000.CC dated 23rd March, 2001 and
d.o. letter no. F.25-2(9)/2000.CC dated 12th March, 2001

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to say that the Commission proposes to visit London from May 10, 2001 for the aforesaid purpose. I am further directed to say that the programme of the Commission is to study the de-classified documents pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library within ten consecutive working days. The Commission also intends to record statements of some persons, such as, Lord Peter Archer, Col. Hugh Toye and Lord Malcom Rifkind during that period

I am accordingly directed to request that necessary action may please be taken by the National Archives of India for the proposed visit to London by a team consisting of the Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission, the Director General and other officials of the National Archives of India.

It may be mentioned here that this programme of visit to U.K. has been made in anticipation of the present term of the Commission expiring on 14.5.2001. A proposal has already been sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, for extension of the term of the Commission for a further period of one year beyond 14.5.2001.

This may please be treated as urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: 1 (High Commission's letter)

No.:JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/651(3)

Date : 27th March 2001

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Ref:JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/649

Date : 27th March 2001

To
Shri H.S. Puri
Deputy High Commissioner
The High Commission of India
India House, Aldwych
LONDON WC2B 4NA

Subject : **Proposed visit of the Commission to the U.K. to study the de-
classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at
the British Library and to examine certain persons as witness.**

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly refer to your confidential d.o. letter no. Lon/Pol/103/17/00 dated 27.02.01 to Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi, a copy of which has been forwarded to this Commission by Shri Jayant Prasad along with his d.o. no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 8.3.2001, a copy whereof is enclosed for ready reference.

Thanking you for your assurance that secretarial assistance and office equipment would be made available to the Commission during its visit to U.K., I am to inform you that the Commission proposes to visit U.K. from May 10, 2001 for the aforesaid purpose. It may take 10 (ten) consecutive working days to accomplish the work of the Commission. During this period, the Commission proposes to examine the following persons as witnesses :

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| 1. Lord Peter Archer,
7, Old School Court,
Wraysbury, Staines,
Middlesex T.W.195 B P | 2. Col. Hugh Toy,
5 Firm Close Lane,
Wheatley,
Oxford 33-1-England | 3. Lord Malcom Rifkind
former Foreign Secretary
of the British Government. |
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The Commission has not yet been able to communicate with or contact the aforesaid persons from this end. The addresses of the aforesaid persons have been furnished by one of the deponents before the Commission. I am directed to say that it would be highly appreciated by the Commission if you kindly make it convenient to contact the aforesaid persons from your end and let the Commission know whether they would be available for examination during the aforesaid period.

I am further directed to request you to kindly make all necessary arrangements for accommodation, transport etc. for the members of the team during their stay in U.K.

An early reply in confirmation would be highly appreciated.

It may be mentioned here that this programme of visit to U.K. has been drawn up in anticipation of the present term of the Commission expiring on 14.5.2001. A proposal has already been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for extension of the term of the Commission for a further period of one year beyond 14.5.2001.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Ref:JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/649(3)

Date : 27th March 2001

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to :-

- Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi 110 001
- Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of Archives, Govt. of India, Janpath, New Delhi 110 001
- Smt. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi 110 001

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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PRADYOT KUMAR SENGUPTA,
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Guest Lecturer, Calcutta University Law College,
Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the alleged
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Date : 27th March 2001

Dear *Sri Prasad,*

Please refer to your D.O. Letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 8.3.2001 and its enclosure viz., a d.o. letter dated 27.2.2001 addressed to you by Shri H.S. Puri, Deputy High Commissioner in London. I would also request you to please recall the discussions I had with you during my recent visit to Delhi regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to London to study the de-classified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library and also to examine some witnesses viz. Lord Peter Archer, Lord Malcom Rifkind and Col. Hugh Teye.

I am directed to inform you that the Commission proposes to visit London from 10.05.2001 and do the work of studying the de-classified record at British Library within 10 consecutive working days. During this period the Commission also intends to examine the aforesaid witnesses whose particulars are furnished below :

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| 1. Lord Peter Archer,
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Middlesex T.W.195 B P | 2. Col. Hugh Toy,
5 Firm Close Lane,
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Oxford 33-1-England | 3. Lord Malcom Rifkind
former Foreign Secretary
of the British Government. |
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The Commission has not yet contacted or communicated with any of the aforesaid persons the commission wants to examine as witnesses for the purpose of this inquiry. The addresses of the aforesaid persons have been furnished by one of the deponents before the Commission. I am directed to request you to kindly help the Commission contact these witnesses through the High Commission of India in London before the team of the Commission and the officials of National Archives of India leave for London.

Needless to say, this programme of visit to U.K. has been drawn up in anticipation of the present terms of the Commission expiring on 14.5.2001. A proposal has already been sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, (vide this Commission's letter No. JMCI/Admn/99-2000/32/640 dated 21.03.2001 a copy whereof is enclosed).

This may please be treated as urgent.

With warm regards,

Yours *Sincerely,*

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi 110 001

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Date : 27th March 2001

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to :-

1. Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of Archives, Govt. of India, Janpath, New Delhi 110 001
2. Smt. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi 110 001

(P.K. Sengupta)
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No. JMCI/ Admn/99-2000/32/640.

Calcutta, dated, the 21.03.2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Ms. Sangita Gairola,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Extension of the term of Justice
M.K. Mukherjee Commission of
Inquiry beyond 14.05.2001.

Madam,

I am directed to invite a reference to your Notification No.S.O.462(E) dated 14.05.2000 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, under which the term of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry was extended upto 14.05.2001. The reasons for which the Commission could not take off before December, 1999 were intimated to the Ministry in the Commission's letter No. Nil dated 28.09.1999 as also stated in the Status Report as on 29.03.2000 which was sent to the Ministry with Commission's letter No.JMCI/Admn/99-2000/128-164 dated March 31, 2000.

I am further directed to state as follows :

- (a) that the terms of reference for the Commission are not only considerably wide but also call for a thorough probe into matters which are older than half a century;
- (b) that the number of affidavits already received by the Commission is 53, most of which disclose relevant materials requiring thorough probes;
- (c) that a large number of correspondence have been received by the Commission, in language other than English and Bengali, which are yet to be translated into English and that such translation is a considerably time-consuming process;
- (d) that some of the affidavits disclosing relevant materials have already been sent to the Ministry for their comments which are yet to be received though a couple of months have already elapsed;

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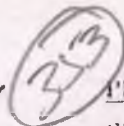
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- (e) that more such affidavits are expected to be sent to the Ministry from time to time for their comments;
- (f) that many of the files/records/documents, which are mostly pretty old records, called for from the Government of India in terms of Commission's orders/directions passed in different proceedings of the Commission including the first proceedings dated March 23, 2000 are yet to be received from the Government of India, vide our Status Report for the fortnight from 01.03.2001 to 15.03.2001 (copy enclosed);
- (g) that the inordinate delay in making such files/records/documents available to the Commission is consequently delaying the works of the Commission;
- (h) that a large number of important witnesses, many of whom are pretty old and physically infirm, are required to be examined by or on behalf of the Commission at different places of India convenient to them;
- (i) that in the past a number of such witnesses could be examined on Commission at different places and some of such witnesses could not ultimately be examined on Commission for various reasons while the coordinating efforts required to be made for each such programme are considerably time-consuming;
- (j) that for the purpose of its enquiry the Commission is required to visit London and some other foreign countries to examine various documents available in those countries and, if need be, to examine witnesses for which the Commission has already approached the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to do the needful; and
- (k) that no advance programme for recording evidence by or on behalf of the Commission as also for holding hearing of the Commission either in or outside India can possibly be drawn up legally pertaining to any date/period which falls beyond the extended term of

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the Commission while it requires at least two months to get a proposal for extension of the term of the Commission finalised and the required Government Notification published.

In view of the facts and circumstances stated above, I am directed to request you to kindly take necessary steps for extension of the term of Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry at least for a further period of one year beyond 14.05.2001.

This may kindly be treated as urgent and necessary Government Notification extending the term of the Commission for a further period of one year with effect from 15.05.2001, communicated at an early date so that the work of the Commission may continue without any break or interruption.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
for Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
'B' Block (3rd floor)
11A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Calcutta-700087.

STATUS REPORT

(From 01.03.2001 to 15.03.2001)

- the names of suitable Government officers.
1. This Status Report is in continuation of the earlier Status Report forwarded under this office letter No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/600 dated 05.03.2001.
 2. The programme for recording the evidence of Dr. (Col.) Lakshmi Sehgal on Commission at Kanpur on 26.03.2001, as requested by her, was finalised and all concerned were informed. Subsequently, there had been serious deterioration of the law and order situation in Kanpur. Reportedly, situation there is still very tense and not yet under control. The Under Secretary to the Government of U.P. requested the Commission over telephone to postpone the programme in view of the prevailing law and order situation there. The programme has accordingly been postponed with intimation to all concerned.
 3. Extension of time for filing of a supplementary affidavit before the Commission in compliance with its orders/directions dated 25.01.2001 has been granted by the Hon'ble Chairman upto April 30, 2001 in terms of the prayer of the Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, as contained in his letter No. 1/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) dated 09.03.2001 (vide Commission's letter No. Affidavit/50/2000/629 dated March 14, 2001).
 4. Notices have been sent for the next hearing of the Commission on April 4, 2001 (Wednesday), in lieu of 28.03.2001 as mentioned in the last Status Report, when, besides transacting other business, the Commission is likely to record the evidence of two witnesses who have been summoned.
 5. Action is still awaited on the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/529 dated 21.02.2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India as mentioned in the last Status Report.
 6. Different important offices of the Government of India located

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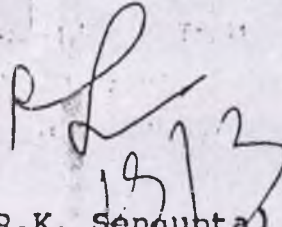
in Kolkata as also the Ministry of Culture, Department of Education, Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Law, Government of India, New Delhi, have been requested to send within six weeks, the names of suitable Government employees working under their respective Ministries/departments for their deputation to this Commission to work as Senior Research Officer, Senior Hindi Translator, etc. keeping in view the respective pay scales sanctioned by the Government and the qualification and experience for each post as stated in our said reference.

7. Response is still awaiting to Commission's letter No. JMCI/GOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/503 dated 06.02.2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, regarding access of the Commission to peruse relevant documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/Indian National Army lying in different archives of the Russian Union as also in the archives within the residual territory of the erstwhile U.S.S.R.
8. The Commission has received xerox copies of Netaji's speech dated 18.08.1945, Secret No. 11/INC/45 dated 16.01.1946 of the Deputy Inspector General of Police, CIS, Bombay Province, and W.Mcwright's letter No. C-5 dated 19.02.1946 to Intelligence Bureau, H.D. New Delhi-3. No affidavit has yet been filed by the concerned Departments/Ministries of the Government of India about availability/ non-availability of other files/documents specifically called for in para (a) (iii) of its proceedings dated March 23, 2000.
9. The Commission has received xerox copies of File Nos. 23(156)/51-PM, 23(11)-56-57 PM, 249-INA, 273-INA, 138-INA and 265-INA Pt.1. No affidavit has yet been filed by the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India about availability/non-availability of other files/documents specifically called for in para (a)(i) of its proceedings dated March 23, 2000.
10. Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, in their letter dated 27.09.2000 addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, with a copy endorsed to the Secretary of the Commission, stated, inter alia, that they had initiated the process of rechecking their old

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records much of which are on microfilms and prayed for time till mid-October, 2000 for stating the factual position in respect of availability/non-availability of records pertaining to Netaji/INA in a duly sworn affidavit to be filed by them before the Commission. No such affidavit has yet been filed.

11. A xerox copy of the affidavit filed before the Commission by Shri Sankari Prosad ^{Banerjee} Mukherjee, ex-Vice Chancellor of Burdwan University and ex-Head of the Department of Philosophy of Calcutta University has been sent by the Commission to the General Secretary, Ramkrishna Mission, Belur Math, Belur, Dist. Howrah, with the request to send their comments on paras 2, 3, and 4 of the said affidavit.
12. The attention of Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy has been drawn to the article written by Shri Sudhi Ranjan Sen under the heading, "Find the Money" published in the Hindustan Times, Kolkata, on March 3, 2001 wherein she has been quoted to have referred to M15 Agent who later retired as a Colonel In-Charge of the I.N.A. and Dr. (Mrs.) Roy has been requested to furnish to the Commission the name, address, and other relevant particulars of the said M15 Agent.


(B.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57/645(60)

Calcutta, dated, the 26th March 2001

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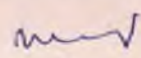
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Dear Sir,

Further to our letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57/601(60) dated 7.3.2001, I have been directed to inform you that the Commission may also examine the following witnesses :-

1. Shri Narayan Sanyal, 13/1 Chakraberia Road (North), Calcutta 700 020;
2. Dr. Bipul Kumar Sarkar (Ex-INA), 5 Dr. A.M.O. Gani Road, Park Circus, Calcutta 700 017

Yours faithfully,


(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

So no c.o.
No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57/645/1(2)

Calcutta, dated, the 26th March 2001

Copy forwarded to :

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2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal
3. Mr. Bhaskar Sen, Learned Counsel for the Commission;
4. Mr. Shyamaprosad Sarkar, Learned Counsel for the Commission

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28/3/2001
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Ex-District & Sessions Judge, Ex-Principal Secretary to the
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Calcutta, dated the 19th March 2001

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To
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Subject : **Examination of Dr. (Col.) Lakshmi Sehgal
on commission at Kanpur on 26.3.2001**

Reference : **JMCI/Com/2000-2001/51/615 dt. 14.3.2001**

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that, in view of the present law and order situation in Kanpur the examination of Dr. (Col.) Lakshmi Sehgal at Kanpur which was scheduled to be held on 26.3.2001, has been postponed until further order of the Commission.

Further communication about the examination of Dr. Col.) Sehgal will be made to all concerned after the Commission fixes another date for her examination.

Inconvenience, if any, caused by this postponement, for reasons beyond the control of the Commission, is regretted.

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Yours faithfully,

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(P.K. Sengupta)
Commissioner

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Calcutta, dated, the 14.03.2001.

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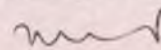
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Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next hearing of the Commission will be held on April 4, 2001 (Wednesday) at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon in the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta 700 007 when the Commission besides transacting other business, may examine the following witnesses :

1. Mr. Mubarak Mazdoor, the deponent of the affidavit dated June 30, 2000 bearing No. JMCI/46/2000
2. Smt. Prova Jagannathan, Correspondent, The Economic Times, New Delhi.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
IS-I Division

Ministry of External Affairs may please refer to this Ministry's U.O. Note dated 19th April, 2001 regarding clear-cut reply on classification/ declassification of the documents of MEA-origin concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. In this U.O. Note the date for furnishing comments by MEA has been inadvertently indicated as 24th April, 2001 whereas this information is required by 12th Noon on 20th April, 2001. It is therefore requested that your comments be sent to this Ministry by 12 Noon on 20th April, 2001 failing which it will be presumed that you have no objection.

(V.P. Bhatia)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Ministry of External Affairs,
(Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (AMN & CNV), South Block,
New Delhi.

M.H.A.U.O.No.1/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) Dated 20.4.2001

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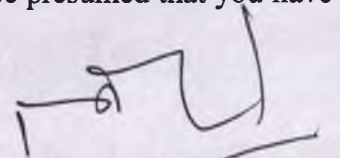
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**Government of India
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Ministry of External Affairs may please refer to this Ministry's UO of even number dated 23.3.2001 requesting for a clear-cut reply on classification/de-classification of the documents of MEA-origin concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This matter was also discussed by Joint Secretary (IS-I), MHA with you on telephone. However, no reply has been received so far. Since the supplementary affidavit for which the above information was sought, is to be filed before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on or before 30th April, 2001. This Ministry will not claim privilege in respect of the above referred documents in view of MEA UO No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 21st March, 2001.

2. In case there is any objection to the course of action proposed above, kindly send your comments by 12 noon on 24.4.2001 failing which it will be presumed that you have no objection.


(MUKESH MITTAL)
Deputy Secretary (IS-I)

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (AMN&CNV), N.Delhi.
MHA UO No.I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) Dated, the 19th April, 2001.

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Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission



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No.TOK/DCM/91/01

March 21, 2001

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Dear Jayant,

Reference your letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated February 20, 2001, we are forwarding an up-to-date list of contact addresses of the associates of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

These addresses have been compiled with the assistance of Mr. Masao Hayashi, Secretary, Subash Chandra Bose Academy in Tokyo.

With kind regards.

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Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

Shri Jayant Prasad,
JS(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi

Encl: As above.

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**List of Witnesses examined before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee
of Inquiry at Tokyo, Japan
(The following are presumed alive)**

Sl. No.	Name	Address	Occupation
1.	Dr. T. Tasuruta	Furukawa, 173, Tsu City, Mie Prefecture	Army Surgeon of Nammon Brahcn of Taihoku Army Hospital
2.	Shri Narain Das	64, Rue Fes Tangiers, French Morocco	Ex-Housing Secretary, Indian Independence League, Govt. of Azad Hind
3.	Mr. Kinji Watanabe	2-644, Akai-cho, Nara City, Japan	Ex-Interpreter, Hikari Kikan (Hikari Kikan Member)
4.	Mr. Sato-Kazo	Mynken-Motoyo Sokea, Otachimoor, Tsatomai, Goju Kyu Ban, No.59	Ex-Soldier Grade-I, 136, Air Unit, Taihoku
5.	Col. Sugiya Miyata	1073 Kawanoe City, Japan	Air Staff Officer, Taihoku
6.	Col. Muraji Yano	Kagoshimaken, Kokubu, Shi Muke, 1751	Ex-Chief of 2 nd Section, Southern Army H.Q, Saigon
7.	Major Masaharu Kinoshita	No.1233, Kugahara-cho, Otaku, Tokyo	Ex-Duty Officer, Imperial General H.Q., Tokyo
8.	Mr. Tatsuo Hayashida	Fukuoka City, No.6-55, Tanoku Higashi-ku, Fukuoka, Japan	Ex-Second Lieutenant. Administrative Section, Formosan Armt H.Q., Taihoku
9.	Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi	Takajocho Miyasaki-ken, Japan	Officer-in-Charge, Nammon Military Hospital, Taihoku
10.	Shri Satyendranath Sen	No.1, 1-chome, Nakame-guro, Meguro -ku, Tokyo	Ex-Member of the Territorial Committee of I.I.L, Japan
11.	Ex-Lt. Col. Shibuya Masanari	Miyagi-ken, Tsutagon, Sanbunni- cho, Machi-Oura No.43	Ex-Air Force Staff Officer, Formosan Army, Taihoku
12.	Ex-Captain Makato Nakamura (now Makato Yamamoto)	Fukuoka Ken Omta, 25-Yamano Owey Cho, Japan	Ex-Officer-in-Charge, Taihoku Aerodrome
13.	Mrs. Makato Yamamoto	Fukuoka Ken-Omta, 25-Yamano Owey Cho, Japan	Ex-Clerk, Communication Bureau, Taihoku Airport
14.	Ex-Major Kenichi Sakai	4 Aza-Miho, Furukawa, Aomori City, Japan	Ex-Battalion, Commander-in-Charge, Aerodrome Defence, Taihoku

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15.	Mr. Kazuo Mitui	Fukuoka Wakamatsu-shi, 15 Nishi Hata-machi, Japan	Ex-Medical Orderly, Taihoku Rikugun, Byoyin Nommon (Military) Hospital, Taihoku
16.	Ex-General Haruki Isayama	5624 Sajo Machi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo	Ex-Chief of the General Staff, Formosan Army
17.	Rev. Hotta Hidemeru	Priest of Higashi Honganji Temple, No.3113, Shobata, Saori-cho, Amagun, Aichi-ken, Tokyo	Vide Col.3
18.	Mr. M. Miyoshi	36, Satsuki Cho, Fukushima-shi, Fukushima-ken, Japan	Ex-Medical Orderly, Rikugun Byoin, Taihoku Military Hospital, Taihoku
19.	Ex-Major S. Nagatomo	Miyazaki-shi, 2828, Nakamura Machi, Japan	Ex-Staff Officer, Taiwan Army H.Q. at Taiwan
20.	Col. J.G. Figgess	Military Attache, British Embassy in Tokyo	Ex-Staff Officer to Lt. General Gairdner, then Personal Representative of the Prime Minister of the U.K. to General Mac Arthur.

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Annexure-I

**List of Witnesses examined before Shah Nawaz Khan Committee of
Inquiry at Tokyo, Japan**

(The following persons died)

Sl. No.	Name	Address	Occupation
1.	Mr. Keikichi Arai	9,3-chome, Honcho, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Director, The Society of Polymer Science, Japan, Lecture of Tokyo University, Lecture of Keyo University
2.	Ex. Lt. Col. Shiro Nonogaki	Manager, Osaka Branch, Tokyo Kogyo Boyeki Shokai Ltd., 2 nd Floor, Mistui Bank Senba Branch, 5, 2-chome, Kitya-kyuhoji-Machi, Higashi-ky, Osaka, Japan	Vode Col. 3
3.	Maj.Taro Kono	No.552, Asagaya-2, Suginamiker, Tokyo	Printing Business in Tokyo
4.	Major Takahashi Ihaho	Kanagawa Ken, Zushi-shi, 607, Japan	Ex-Staff Officer, 15 th Japanese Army

(According to the Bose Academy, they died in the same plane crash, which also carried Netaji)

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Annexure-II

**List of Witnesses examined before Shah Nawaz Khan Committee of
Inquiry at Tokyo, Japan**

(The following died, according to the Netaji Academy in Japan)

Sl. No.	Name	Address	Occupation
1.	Mr. Teruo Hachiya	370, Marunouchi Building, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo	Ex-Minister to the Provisional Govt. of Azad Hind
2.	Mr. Saburo Isoda (Bose Academy member)	Manbamachi, Tanogun, Gumma Prefecture	Ex-Lt. General Chief of Hikari Kikan
3.	Shri J. Murti (Died in India)	750, Asagaya, 1-chome, Suginamiku, Tokyo	Not known
4.	Lt. Col. Morio Takakura (Member, Bose Academy and died in 1998)	Ex-Staff Officer, Imperial General Headquarters, Tokyo	Vide Col. 3
5.	Mr. Juichi Nakamura	No.27, Nichome Sakura Machi, Fukuoka City, Japan	Ex-employee in the Foreign Office, Taiwan
6.	Rev. Kyoei Mochizuki	Head Priest of Renkoji Temple (Netaji Shrine), 130, 2-chome, Koenji, Suginami-ku, Tokyo	Vice Col.3
7.	Mr. Naokichi Kitazawa (Died about 30 years back)	Member of the House of Representatives, Tokyo	Ex-Deputy to the Japanese Ambassador at Rangoon
8.	Mr. Koji Asada	2826, 2-chome, Hom Machi, Koku Bunji, Tokyo	Ex-Diplomatic Attache to the Govt. of Burma

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**List of Witnesses examined before Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry in
Japan**

Sl. No.	Name	Address	Occupation
1.	Mr. Tadashi Ando	-	-
2.	Mr. Tadao Sakai	-	-
3.	Mr. Attur Said Jain	-	-
4.	Mr. K.V. Narain	-	-
5.	Mr. Koji Takamlya	-	-
6.	Mr. Watanabe	-	-
7.	Mr. Ahira Kyuru	-	-
8.	Mr. M.J. Patel	-	-
9.	Mr.D.C. Gupta	-	-
10.	Mr. Bhagwandas Mulkhraj Jhaveri	-	-
11.	Mr. Ram Singh Gulani	-	-
12.	Mr. Hans Raj	-	-
13.	Mr. Tatsuo Hayashida	6-55 Tanoku, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Tokyo	-
14.	Mr. J. Murti	-	-
15.	Mr. Tahashashi	-	-
16.	Mr. Shigetaka Sugiura	-	-
17.	Mr. Kenichi Sakai	-	-
18.	Mr. Suburo Isoda	-	-
19.	Mr. Yoshio Ishii (Dr.)	-	-
20.	Lt. Col. Masanari Shibnya	-	-
21.	Dr. Taneyashi Yoshimi (Doctor last attended Netaji)	-	-

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**List of Witnesses examined before Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry in
Japan**

**(Either died in the same plane crash or later died, according to the Netaji
Academy in Japan)**

1.	Lt. Gen. Fujiwara (Died about 30 years ago)	-	-
2.	Mr. Negeshi (Died on 12.12.2000)	-	-
3.	Mr. Hachia (Died about 30 years ago)	-	-
4.	Col. Shiro Nonogaki (Died in the same plane crash with Netaji)		
5.	Mr. Taro Kono (Died in the same plane crash with Netaji)	-	-
6.	Mr. Kuji Asada	-	-
7.	Mr. Morio Takakura (Died on 25.07.1998)	-	-

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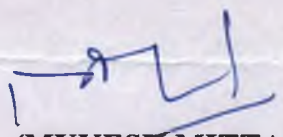
This is with reference to MHA's UO No.I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) dated 14.3.2001 and your telephonic conversation with JS(IS-I) on 22nd March, 2001 regarding classification/de-classification of the documents originated from Ministry of External Affairs concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. In this connection, your attention is invited to Ministry of External Affairs UO No.25/4/NGO Vol.VI dated March 21, 2001 wherein you have stated to have downgraded the MEA-origin documents classified as TOP SECRET to SECRET and consented to supply these documents to the Commission to facilitate the inquiry.

3. In this regard, you are requested to give clear cut reply whether documents under reference are to be kept classified or de-classified as downgrading Top Secret document to Secret will not make it open in the public domain. If you wish to continue with the classification of the documents then brief reasons for doing so may kindly be furnished..

4. Since the matter is very urgent, you are requested to give your comments by 27th March, 2001.

We shall have to review each document.
Pl. Advise
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(MUKESH MITTAL)
Deputy Secretary(IS-I)

Ministry of External Affairs(Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary(AMN&CNV), N. Delhi.
MHA UO NO.I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) Dated, the 22nd March, 2001.
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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Phone:

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Special Duty - 216-2765
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Calcutta, dated, the **March 1, 2001**

Sri H.D.Singh
Deputy Director of Archives
National Archives of India
Janpath
New Delhi-110001.

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Sub: Examination of files on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose available in British Library, London - proposal for deputation of Director General of Archives - Regarding

Sir,

I am to refer to your letter no. F.w25-2(9)/2000-CC dated 23.2.2001 on the aforesaid subject and to say that the Commission proposes to visit London for the aforesaid purposes preferably in the first fortnight of April 2001 (starting from 8th or 9th April). If it is not possible for any reason whatsoever the proposed visit may be made in the 2nd fortnight of April 2001.

JSCEW
Dir (A)

I am directed to request you to take necessary action accordingly for approval of the Government of India for the proposed visit.

The Ministry of External Affairs have already been requested to take necessary action so that the Commission may visit U.K. without any inconvenience or difficulty in order to examine the declassified documents in the British Library and also to record depositions of relevant witnesses including Mr. Hugh Toye who may be available in U.K. during such visit. Reply from the Ministry of External Affairs to that letter of the Commission (JMCI/Doc (FOR)/99-2000/36/490 dated 3.1.2001 is still awaited.

Pl. examine if any action to be reqd.
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Yours faithfully,

(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary

cc: The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi-111001 for favour of information and necessary action.

please check previous papers and let me know if we need to take any further action.

(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary

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Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division

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Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer to their No. I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) dated March 14, 2001 regarding classification of the documents originated from this Ministry concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

This Ministry, in view of the fact that the papers are dated and do not contain information that can compromise national security, have already decided to downgrade the MEA -origin documents classified as TOP SECRET to SECRET and have also agreed to provide them to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. Therefore all Top Secret documents under reference sent by this Ministry to MHA may be downgraded to SECRET. Further, we may have no objection if MEA-origin papers are supplied to the Commission to facilitate the inquiry.

JC
(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
March 21, 2001

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Ministry of Home Affairs(Shri Mukesh Mittal, DS(IS-I), North Block, New Delhi.
MEA U.O.No:25/4/NGO Vol.VI dated March 21, 2001

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Ministry of Home Affairs
IS-I Division

Dated, the 14th March, 2001

As per the directions of Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry, Home Secretary is required to file a Supplementary Affidavit with regard to the claim of privilege under section 123, 124 of the Evidence Act and Article 74(2) of the constitution of India, made vide his affidavit filed earlier on 13th November, 2000. The claim of privilege was with respect to two files namely :-

- (i) **Posthumous announcement of award of Bharat Ratna to Netaji.**
- (ii) **Bringing ashes of Netaji kept in Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, Japan to India.**

2. The Supplementary Affidavit would pertain to specific documents in these files giving the reasons for the claim. It has been observed that certain documents pertain to/ have originated from your Ministry/Department/Office.

3. A list of documents along with copies thereof is enclosed. You are requested to look into the contents of these documents and inform this Ministry latest by 19th March 2001, whether the classification of these documents has to be retained or otherwise alongwith reasons thereof.

(Mukesh Mittal)
Deputy Secretary (IS-I)

- 1. **Prime Minister's Office**
(Smt. Archana Ranjan, Director)
New Delhi.
- 2. **Ministry of External Affairs**
(Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary)
New Delhi.
- 3. **Cabinet Secretariat**
(Shri Rakesh Sarwal, Deputy Secretary)
Rashtrapati Bhavanm,
New Delhi.
- 4. **Cabinet Secretariat (R&AW)**
(Shri Jayadeva Ranade, Joint Secretary)
Jaisalmer House, New Delhi.

Encl: As above.

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<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Details of document</u>
1.	✓ MEA U.O. No. C/551/12/93-JP dated 23.11.1993 - a detailed note incorporating the views of Ministry of External Affairs on controversy regarding Netaji's death and bringing his ashes to India from Japan.
2.	✓ MEA UO No. C/551/12/93-JP dated 2.12.1993 regarding Article No. 9/93 published in the Russian Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today on Whom Subhas Chandra Bose fought against during second world war years'.
3.	✓ MEA UO No C/551/12/93-JP dated 23.12.1993 enclosing Article No. 8/93 which appeared in the Russian Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today' on 'The Secret behind the death of Subhas Chandra Bose'.
4.	✓ MEA UO No. 6/551/12/93-JP dated 20.1.1994 enclosing a copy of Article No. 10/93 published in the Russian Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today' on 'against whom Subhas Chandra Bose fought during world war II'.
5.	✓ D.O. letter No.S-2684/JS(EF)/94 dated 24th March, 1994 from Shri R.L. Narayan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to Shri V.K. Jain Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs regarding Articles published in the Russian Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today' on the subject of Netaji.
6.	✓ D.O. letter No. 3902/JS(AP)/94 dated 24th October, 1994 from Shri R.S. Kalha, Joint Secretary (AP), Ministry of External Affairs enclosing a copy of letter from Indian Ambassador in Tokyo alongwith its enclosures regarding Netaji.
7.	✓ D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO dated 14th November, 1994 from Shri R.S. Kalha, Joint Secretary(AP), Ministry of External Affairs stating therein that whatever information was made available by Indian Ambassador Tokyo regarding Netaji has already been communicated vide his letter No. 3902/JS(AP)/94 dated 24th October, 1994.
8.	✓ D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO(PT) dated 19.6.1995 from Foreign Secretary to Home Secretary regarding the remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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Ministry of External Affairs
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Sub : Controversy regarding Netai's death and bringing
his ashes to India from Japan.

Reference Ministry of Home Affairs UO note No.
1/12014/27/93-IS(D.III) of 21 Oct 93 and 3 Nov 93 on the subject
referred to above. A detailed note incorporating the views of
this Ministry is enclosed as desired.

This issues with the approval of the Foreign Secretary.

(Dilip Lahiri)
JS (AP)
23.11.93

M/o Home Affairs (Sh C.I. Jov. Dir (IS-1).)
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Ministry of External Affairs
(Asia Pacific Division)

CONTROVERSY REGARDING NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE'S
DEATH AND BRINGING HIS ASHES TO INDIA FROM JAPAN

Background

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose allegedly died in a plane crash in Taihoku (Taiwan) in August 1945. He was 49 years old at that time. His ashes were taken to the Renkoji temple in Tokyo by Habibur Rahman, a colleague of Netaji and handed over to the priest of the temple, the Ven'ble Mochizuki, (who died in 1980) and who has been succeeded by his son.

Two Committees of Inquiry and CCPA Decision of 1991

2. Two Committees of inquiry were set up by the Government of India - The Shahnawaz Khan Committee in 1956 and the Man Mohan Khosla Committee in 1970 to go into the matter of Netaji's death. Both Committees concluded that Subhash Chandra Bose had indeed died in the crash at Taihoku in 1945, although Netaji's own brother, S.C. Bose, who was a member of the Shahnawaz Khan Committee, gave a dissenting judgment. Subsequently, the CCPA decided that "no useful purpose would be served by holding yet another inquiry or by bringing the ashes back to India at present as this might create unnecessary tensions."

Controversy over Netaji's Death and return of ashes to India

3. The controversy on whether or not Netaji actually died in 1945 in Taihoku, and whether the ashes in the Renkoji Temple

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are indeed those of Netaji, is being continued by a very vocal minority among whose leading figures is Shri Samar Guha and the Forward Bloc. As against ~~to~~ this, there are many, including some of Netaji's relatives, who accept that the ashes are genuine and they have paid homage to them at the Renkoji Temple, as indeed, did Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi. They feel that the ashes should be brought back to India, with all due respect and honour as befitting a person of Netaji's stature as part of the full public recognition of Netaji's role and contribution to Indian independence.

4. Former soldiers of the Japanese Imperial Army who worked with or were associated with Netaji and the Indian National Army (INA) are also strong proponents of this course of action. These veterans, (who are members of the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Academy in Tokyo) are very concerned that they are all old and very few of them are left. They fear that, with their passing away, there will be no one left to look after the ashes of Netaji. The present priest of the temple, who took over after his father's death, does not hold the same respect for the ashes as his father.

5. From time to time the War Veterans have been enquiring through our Embassy in Tokyo and the Embassy of Japan in New Delhi to ascertain our plans for bringing the ashes back to India. The Government of Japan has indicated that it would go along with whatever the Government of India wished to do but at the same time they have indicated that they were under some pressure from

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the war veterans.

6. The matter has now assumed some urgency. The annual get together of the war veterans of the Subhash Chandra Bose Academy in Tokyo, on the occasion of 48th Memorial Service this year had received wide media coverage in Japan as the Japanese media had also been invited. The press reports focused on the concern expressed by the War Veterans of the Academy over Government of India's lack of interest in wishing to receive the ashes of Netaji back to India. The Bose Academy members are reportedly thinking of disbanding and having the last memorial service in 1995 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary. If no decision is taken by that time, we may be asked by the temple to take charge of the ashes and may have no alternative but to store them in our Mission in Tokyo.

Information from Russia

7. On the basis of information and pressure exerted by people like Samar Guha, who has never accepted the death of Netaji, we had also asked our mission in Moscow to ascertain from the erstwhile Soviet Union/present Russian Federation if they had any information about Netaji's presence in Russia during or after 1945. The Russian Foreign Office had indicated that their archives do not contain any material indicating Netaji had gone to the Soviet Union. On the other hand, we have been informed by a Russian Indologist, Professor Albert Belski, who is associated with the bi-monthly "Asia and Africa Today" that the magazine is coming out with a series of articles, allegedly based on classified KGB archives, claiming, inter alia, that Netaji Subhash

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Chandra Bose was an MI - 6 (British) agent and that one of his close associates was a KGB agent. A copy of a note from our mission in Moscow is enclosed (Annexure I). The first article in the series has been apparently been published. We are awaiting a translated text from our Mission.

Controversy regarding Peace Memorial at Imphal

8. The Hindustan Times of November 4 has reported that the Forward Bloc would oppose "tooth and nail" the decision of the Government of India to allow the construction of a monument in memory of Japanese soldiers, who died in Manipur during World War II as these were, according to the party (Forward Bloc) dubious attempts at falsify the freedom movement by denigrating the role of the INA led by Subhash Chandra Bose. The Forward Bloc had earlier been opposed to bringing back the ashes from Japan. It may also be borne in mind that the Forward Bloc had been founded by Netaji in 1939.

MEA's Views

- (i) There appears to be widespread sentiment that Netaji's birth centenary in 1997 should be appropriately commemorated and that Netaji's ashes should be brought back to India with due respect and honour. Opposition to bringing back the ashes is only from a small group of Forward Bloc figures and Shri Samar Guha.
- (ii) In the likely event that the Japanese Temple approaches us over the next 2 or 3 years to take charge of the ashes, it would be most inappropriate if we declined to

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do so, or stored the ashes unobtrusively in our Mission, due to the continuing controversy over the ashes being kept alive by a small minority.

(iii) A consensus in favour of burying the controversy and bringing the ashes back to India from Japan could be promoted if the likely contingency of our being constrained to dispose of Netaji's ashes as indicated in Para 2 above was made known publicly. Respected public figures and others could be discreetly encouraged to make statements, including in Parliament, requesting the Government to bring back the ashes.

(iv) Alternatively, a Committee to commemorate Netaji's birth centenary in 1997 could be established, with the participation of public figures of various political opinions, and the call to bring back Netaji's ashes could be made by the Committee.

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Embassy of India
Moscow

Meeting with Mr. V.K. Touradjev, Deputy Editor-in-Chief,
"Asia and Africa Today", at 1200 hrs. on 29 June 93

As desired by the Ambassador, I called on Mr. V.K. Touradjev, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the monthly journal "Asia and Africa Today" at 1200 hrs. on 29 June 1993. After exchanging pleasantries and exploring the possibility of further cooperation between the Mission and the journal "Asia and Africa Today", I enquired from Touradjev whether "Asia and Africa Today" would soon start publishing a series of articles, based on KGB archives, alleging inter-alia that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was an MI-6 agent and that a close aide of his had worked for the KGB. 11

Touradjev confirmed that the August (8/93) issue of "Asia and Africa Today" would carry an article titled "The Secret Behind the Death of S.C. Bose" by Prof. Raiko, a well known Indologist based in Liptsk. The article would explore the various theories advanced from time to time, regarding the circumstances of Netaji's death. Its inclusion was essentially meant to generate reader interest in two further articles which would be published in the September (9/93) and October (10/93) issues of "Asia and Africa Today". Touradjev clarified that he was the author of these two articles and that they were based on KGB archives which he had been privileged to personally examine and which had been shared with him by contacts he had in the Russian intelligence service. In an attempt to convince me that his articles were based on genuine KGB documents, Touradjev showed me from afar a copy of a letter dated 11/12/1943, marked "MOST SECRET" and addressed by a Col. G.A. Hill of British Intelligence to a Col. Osipov of Soviet Intelligence.

In response to a query, Touradjev clarified that to the best of his knowledge the Russian Intelligence Service did not possess a separate file on Netaji. In his view, this would seem to show that Netaji had never visited the Soviet Union since, at least in earlier years, a file was usually opened on every foreigner arriving in the country. The documents he had based his articles upon were primarily reports filed by the then Russian intelligence

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ents in Kabul, letters addressed by British Intelligence to their Soviet counterparts, plus other stray correspondence which had come across in the KGB archives.

I specifically queried Touradjev as to whether his two articles contained references alleging that Netaji had been a British agent. If so, this would be quite unfortunate, given that Netaji was a widely respected national leader whose memory was deeply cherished by the people of India.

In response to this and other queries, Touradjev made the following points:

- (a) His articles did not bring out that Netaji was a MI-6 agent, in the sense of his being a "paid functionary". Equally, they did, however, show that Netaji "cooperated" with the British. In this context, Touradjev pointed out that without British acquiescence Netaji could not have escaped so easily from India or lived for so long in Kabul. Moreover, the instructions which Netaji sent from Berlin for carrying out subversive acts against the British in India, were never translated into action since the British knew of them and could take corrective measures. Touradjev repeatedly emphasized that the KGB documentation which he had access to left him in no doubt that "Netaji had cooperated with the British". He added that only MI-6 could inform whether the relationship went beyond "cooperation" as additional details would only be available with them. He hoped that, once his articles were published, the British would join in sharing information on Netaji.
- (b) The KGB documentation, however, conclusively established that Bhagat Ram - Netaji's aide in Kabul - had served as an agent of several foreign intelligence services e.g. the British, Russian, German, Italian and others. This would be brought out clearly in his articles.
- (c) His articles would be "scientifically presented" in the sense that they would fully annotated and would provide details of every important document referred to or quoted. They would thus analyze specific documentation and would not be largely speculative

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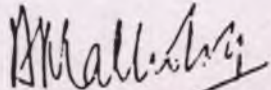
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In his view, the KGB archives material which he has cited in his articles made Netaji "go up in his esteem, since, it showed that he (Netaji) had contributed to the defeat of fascism". He felt that his articles would in fact show Netaji being an "even greater nationalist" since Netaji had striven for an independent India, rather than an India subservient to Germany or Japan. Touradjev clarified that the intention behind his articles was not to denigrate Netaji as a leader who had the best interests of India in mind, but to contribute to a better understanding of Netaji's historic role.

In response to my query, Touradjev pointed out that the August (8/93) and September (9/93) issues of "Asia and Africa Today" (containing Prof. Raikov's articles and the first of his two articles) had already been sent to the printers. I did not specifically urge him to have the articles withdrawn, since it is evident that he would not do so in any case.


(Ajai Malhotra)
Counsellor (Inf.)
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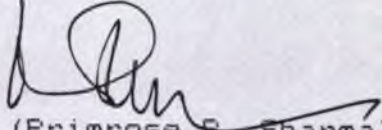
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Sub : Controversy regarding Netaji's death and
bringing his ashes to India from Japan.

This is in continuation of correspondence on the subject referred to above and the detailed note forwarded by JS (AP). Enclosed herewith is the second article on the series of articles that have appeared in the Russian magazine "Asia and Africa Today." We have received only the second in the series of articles. The first and third will be sent when received from our Embassy in Moscow.

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(Primrose R. Sharma)
Director (AP)
02.12.93

M/o Home Affairs (Sh C.I. Jov. Dir (IS -1).)
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chaotic. But nevertheless only one conclusion can be made on their basis. For this we shall have to refer to the events which occurred over half a century ago, at the very beginning of 1941.

With a forged passport

By that time Bose finally fell out with M.K. Gandhi and J. Nehru and established his own party - the Forward Bloc. He continued with his extremely radical position against British colonial rule and stood up for an independent and socialist India. He was telling friends that his attention was to move to the USSR and with Moscow's help to develop an active struggle for the liberation of the passionately loved motherland. England was his enemy number one. In turn the British perceived him as dangerous rebel. They repeatedly jailed him, and late in 1940 he was again arrested. Court proceedings against him were to start on the 27th January, 1941. But the trial did not take place either in January or later. Bose escaped. The circumstances of his escape are not known.

But there is information about his subsequent movements. Early 1941 he turned up in Kabul together with Bhagat Ram, an activist of the left party Kirti Kisan which was close to the communists. Very soon he established contact with the German and Italian Embassies and in short time telegrams flew to Berlin and Rome reporting that the leader of the Forward Bloc party, Subhash Chandra Bose, sought German patronage, requested to take him across to Germany and offered his services for a great struggle against the British.

Circumstances of Bose's advent in Afghanistan and steps he took are extremely important for understanding further events, so we are narrating them in details.

Thus, Bose arrived in Afghanistan and referred for help to the Afghans and not to the Russians, and requested them to take him to Berlin and not to Moscow. Some sources, including Bhagat Ram, maintain that it was practically impossible to get in touch with the Soviet Embassy, but it was no problem for the Afghans, and consequently for the Indians to access to the Germans. This is true. But in Kabul Bhagat Ram had a friend and reliable associate in the person of Uttam Chan, an owner of a small shop. Bhagat Ram owned a flat attached to that shop which

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"Whom Subhash Chandra Bose fought against during Second World War years"

By V. Touradjev

"In the epilogue to A. Raikov's article "Mystery of Subhash Chandra Bose's death" published in the previous issue of the magazine we informed our readers that we had got an opportunity to acquaint ourselves with materials from the KGB archives in some way connected with life and activities of that leader of the Indian national liberation struggle, an associate of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Referring for assistance to the Intelligence Service of Russia we wanted to find out whether at the very end of World War II Bose had really found himself in the Soviet Union and what had happened to him. Rumours that he did not die in the air crash in Taiwan and did manage to get to Moscow, that he was noticed in Siberian camps are actively circulating not only abroad but also here, in the country of victorious Glasnost (openness) and democracy.

Last year Subhash Chandra Bose was awarded the Bharat Ratna - the highest award of India, and in this connection arguments regarding his fate flared up with new force.

So what really happened to Bose? Do the KGB archives contain an answer to this question?

Documents which became available to the editors are very interesting, though they do not contain messages by fearless KGB men who would have reported as to how they had unscrewed nuts from an engine resulting in the crash of the airplane with Bose on board. Neither do they contain reports from Siberian camps which could have given rise to conjectures that Bose spent his last days right there. However, there is something in the materials from the KGB archives which would astonish not only Bose's Indian admirers. I realise the power of the information bomb which will explode on the pages of the magazine. For a long time I meticulously studied the documents received. They are old, the contained information

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in gramophones and records of a famous British firm "His Master's Therefore, Uttam Chang knew a path to the Russians, but for some did not propose to Bose to use it. One may surmise that Bose anyway want to.

While giving evidence to an investigator in the Butyrskaya prison ary 20, 1946, Gans Pilger, the German Ambassador to Afghanistan, (quote from a rough copy of the record of evidence): "On arriving 1 Bose immediately approached me and subsequently Kuaroni (the Ambassador), having stated that he is the leader of an Indian al party and that his party wages struggle in India against the . Bose requested us to help him in emigrating from Kabul to Germany. red from the German Foreign Ministry about that question, and they ed that I should help Bose to leave for Berlin."

The Germans sought cooperation of the Soviet Embassy. Nowadays ms strange and even improbable, but let us recall that in 1939 and Berlin signed two agreements which announced "friendliness" ot-German relationship. However, that did not prevent them from the alert about each other. The appeal by German "friends" did rise Moscow. By that time Lubyanka (the KGB) had already got e by its agent about "a certain Hindu who escaped from India to an and found shelter with "brewers". The Hindu was Bose, and ers" KGB men designated German Secret Service men.

"Brewers" wanted to airlift Bose to Berlin by a Soviet plane. Pilger's request at his meeting with our Ambassador. He also that Italian instructors who worked at the Kabul airport would to place the Indian on board, in secret from Afghan personnel. Soviet side categorically opposed the plan. "Brewers" had to ose with a forged passport in the name of Italian engineer Orlando since the Italian allies were in the know of the story. Fearing ish agents might have the Indian revolutionary shadowed, the requested issuing of a Soviet entrance visa to Bose in his absence. purpose our Embassy was specially visited by Pilger's assistant, ancery of the German Embassy, Schmidt. On March 15, visa N 064033 ed in the passport of Italian subject O. Mazzotti which allowed it through the Soviet Union without the right to halt. The instructions issue of the visa was given personally by Deputy Minister of Affairs A.Y. Vyshinsky.

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After three days, Bose accompanied by a staffer of the German
assy, Wenger, left Kabul by car and on March 22, crossed the Afghan-
iet border in the area of the Termez-Zaremba border control post.
er that via Bukhara and Samarkand he set out by train for Moscow and
ther - for Berlin.

During all that time neither the British nor the Indian press
ried a single line about Bose. Half a year passed, and only then he
denly became the topic of the day. It was indeed sudden as if somebody
given the command to start it. The row was incredible. Newspapers
e headlined "Mysterious disappearance of Bose", "Bose mysteriously
ished", "Where is Subhash Chandra Bose?" etc. State officials, diplomats,
rnalists were racking their brains as to what could have happened to
Forward Bloc leader, how he had managed to escape and where he had
hiding himself. At last, on November 10, in Delhi while speaking
members of the State Council, Minister of Home Affairs Conrad Smith
e a statement:

"Since recently it has become known that Subhash Chandra Bose
ither in Rome or Berlin in order to support the German invasion of
a by the method of the "fifth column". Leaflets have emerged in the
try which leave no doubt that he has sided with the enemy."

An analogous statement was made in London at the House of Commons
he British Minister for Indian and Burmese Affairs. Officials stated
they did not have any information as to how Bose had managed to escape
the colonial authorities.

The "Times of India" put forward its own version. In its issue
November, 1941 it published an article which hazarded a conjecture
Bose had managed to leave India by a Japanese ship and subsequently,
oviet territory, reached Italy or Germany.

The British Ambassador to Kabul having visited the Soviet Ambassador
some formal pretext, questioned him during the conversation as to
he knew anything about Bose and whether the latter had been issued
for travel to Germany. The Englishman was of the opinion that
ould have reached Berlin only via the Soviet Union or Iran. It was

ted to the British diplomat that the Soviet Embassy in Kabul did not
possess any information about Bose, had had no contact with him and had
never issued a visa to a person having that name. Formally that was true,
the visa had been received by Italian engineer Orlando Mazzotti.

My enemy's enemy is my friend

Thus, Bose found himself in Berlin where he launched an active
anti-British campaign. Speaking on the radio, he wrathfully stigmatised
British colonialism and urged the Indians to side with the "Axis countries"
(Germany, Italy, Japan). He emotionally maintained that the military
victory of Great Britain would entail liberation of India from centuries-
long humiliation and slavery. He started to organise his Indian followers
into a new military political organisation - The Indian National Revolutionary
Committee - which was assigned the task of forming combat groups under
conditions of profound secrecy and of starting large-scale subversive
operations against the British.

Bose persuaded the Germans to make the Italians transfer to
Indian soldiers captured in Africa. Those soldiers were proposed to
constitute a core of "Azad Hind Fauj" which, as conceived by the Netaji,
would triumphantly enter the motherland under the national green-white-
red banner. The organisation "Free India" which he had set up in Berlin,
effectively performed in the eyes of its patrons the functions of "the
Indian Government in exile" waiting for an opportunity to formally obtain
status and to receive international recognition.

Bhagat Ram, Bose's friend and kindred spirit who had helped him to
travel to Afghanistan, was the main, if not the sole channel of Bose's
contacts with his followers in India. This personality is very interesting
worth examining closely.

Having sent Bose to the Soviet Union, Ram shortly started to
work for the Italians. On their instructions he made several trips
to India and provided them with required information. The Italians were
very happy. Intelligence data supplied by Bhagat Ram became a regular
part of reports by the Italian secret service in Kabul.

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However, German intelligence service were also alert about him, for they, naturally, had the detailed information about the valuable agent Kwaroni had managed to obtain. "Brewers" believed (it was actually suggested to them by Bose himself) that Bhagat Ram could become a connecting link between the Berlin Headquarters of the Netaji and his followers in India who were really regarded by the Nazis as the "fifth column".

Meanwhile the Germans were thoroughly preparing for the invasion of the British colony. They well-groundedly considered that loss of "the Indian Pearl" would deliver a devastating blow to the British Empire.

Directive N 32 by the German General Headquarters, dated 11 June 1941 envisaged "continuation of the struggle against British positions in the Mediterranean Sea and in the Middle East by concentric offence which is proposed to be launched from Libya through Egypt, from Bulgaria through Turkey, and also, depending on the situation, towards the Trans-Caucasian region through Iran." The objective of that offence was to annex Iran, Trans-Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, South Arabia."

Through Afghanistan, the Nazis planned to reach India, lay their hands on Indonesia, New Guinea, Borneo, Malaya, Singapore, the Islands of Oceania.

That is why the Germans developed such active espionage and subversive activities in Afghanistan. Afghanistan was a springboard for their jump towards the East, and they set great hopes on Bhagat Ram. He was no stranger in the area of the Pushtoon tribes and had many friends in Afghanistan. Like Subhash Chandra Bose he did not conceal his anti-British views, announced his willingness to pay any price for achieving the main goal of his life - liberation of India from colonial oppression. Such a man could not but become an object of "brewers'" attention, who at first were embarassed only by the fact that he had contacted them on his own while helping Bose to shift to Berlin. The Germans badly needed Indian sources of information, reliable agents, arms depots, secret addresses. Having considered Bose and having checked him through their channels, they shortly offered him cooperation in the struggle against the common enemy - the British. Ram did not hesitate for long. In the long run the Oriental adage proclaims: "My enemy's enemy is my friend". Besides in Berlin Bose was also vigorously developing work. Contacts with him could be exercised only through the Germans - Ram gave his consent. Having received a conspiratorial name of Rahmat Khan, Bhagat Ram became a secret agent of the German military intelligence in India. This happened in May, 1941.

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The above-mentioned examination records made at the Butyrskaya in Moscow in 1945-46 are sufficiently indicative of the importance of the Germans of the "Subhash Chandra Bose-Bhagat Ram" linkage". But quote by Zugenbiller, a cypher officer of the German military intelligence, who was in Kabul under cover of the German trade representation. He said: "The German Government and intelligence bodies considered that the priority activities of the German intelligence service in Afghanistan consisted in opening work with Bose and Rahmat Khan." What was the concrete manifestation of this? Zugenbiller clarifies: "Rahmat Khan was assigned the task of highlighting the political situation inside India on the basis of materials provided by the underground organisation which had been set up by Bose, gaining intelligence information about British military efforts in India, and of conveying instructions on subversive activities against the British in India to Bose's organisation. For these purposes we gave Rahmat Khan considerable amounts of money and two wireless sets. Materials sent to us by Rahmat Khan were highly appreciated in Berlin. The German Embassy in Kabul did not have any other channel of connection with Bose's followers in India.

By the beginning of 1942, the Germans started practical preparation for invading India. In February, Bhagat Ram was instructed to organise and equip with all requisites the subversive groups which would be assigned first and foremost to disorganise work of ports along the sea coast of India, to arrange landing grounds for Japanese and German marines, to construct runways for aircraft of the German Air Force, to paralyze by acts of sabotage the defensive efforts of the British and to prepare the population for a rebellion against British rule.

In his next instruction letter from Berlin, Subhash Chandra ordered:

Followers of Bhagat Ram are charged to send their representatives to areas contiguous with Afghanistan in order to persuade the tribes to rise against the British authorities. The representatives should pledge tribal chiefs to provide them with military equipment and to state the programme of Free India envisages economic help to tribal population, protection from enemy attacks and that nobody would encroach on

the independence and freedom of the tribes. The representatives should be authorised to make agreements with individual tribes.

Bose requested to be kept informed about the results of the negotiations with the tribes and to specifically indicate those tribes with whom agreements on joint action against the British authorities were proposed to be concluded.

2. To arrange a meeting with "Jamiat-al-Ulema" leaders, to convey to them Rashid al-Gilani's and the Mufti of Jerusalem's greetings, and to state that the time has come to stand up for the defence of Islam and the motherland, since, probably, there would be no other movement which might be so convenient for launching a struggle to liberate India from the British yoke. To ensure success of this struggle it is necessary to act jointly with Bose's followers.
3. To check the audibility of the two short-wave broadcasting stations stationed in Germany (in Berlin). Those stations were to create the impression as if they had made broadcasts from Indian territory.
4. To establish the location of the Germans who had been arrested in India and, according to Bose's information, had managed to escape, to get in touch with them and to enlist their cooperation in activities against the British authorities.

This letter, which also contains a long list of other instructions to Bhagat Ram, furnishes an idea of the large-scale subversive operations launched by Bose from Berlin. The Germans were undoubtedly very happy about this support on the part of Indians. Netaji was much favoured by Hitlerites, the Fuehrer himself presented him with a golden cigarette-case decorated with diamonds. Bhagat Ram was also the object of attention. At a regular meeting with Bhagat Ram, Rasmus, a fixed-post German spy in Kabul, solemnly presented him with a German award. "Fuehrer is informed about you", confidentially said Rasmus to Bhagat Ram.

One can imagine the German fury should have they learnt that the greatly important subversive and intelligence work which had been carried through "Subhash Chandra Bose-Bhagat Ram" linkage had cost them so much efforts, material and financial means existed only on paper. The thing

is that since middle of 1941 Bhagat Ram had been cooperating with the Soviet intelligence and simultaneously had been a highly secret agent of the British Intelligence Service. And all detailed reports of Rahmat Khan on political developments inside India, on the system of British defensive facilities in that country, on construction of secret airfields for landing of German aircraft, on preparation of terrorist groups, on the - promoted by him and by other followers of Bose - determination of the Indian masses to rise in national rebellion against the British rule as soon as the Germans appear in the Himalayan foothills - all those reports by the "extremely valuable agent of the German military intelligence" were, to put it bluntly, a sheer fraud, a fake, which secret services designate as "misinformation".

Bhagat Ram would receive Bose's instructions from Berlin (through Germans) and from Rasmus in Kabul, would leave for India through the zone of independent tribes, on having been lavishly supplied with directions, gold, money and espionage equipment, and then would return with reports on "accomplished work", prepared by Indian communists on the instructions of Moscow and by experts from MI-6, the British Intelligence. Since April 1942 the British had operated against German secret agents in Afghanistan in close cooperation with the Soviet intelligence.

Here, for example, is a letter sent by Colonel G.A. Hill, SIS representative in Moscow to his Russian colleague Colonel Osipov:

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Moscow, 11th December, 1943.

Re: Bhagat Ram.

As you are aware, the Government of India has granted a safe-conduct to both Rasmus and Witzel of the German Embassy in Kabul who have been recalled by their Government to Germany. While their travelling arrangements will be subject to considerable delay, the disappearance of Witzel and Rasmus from Kabul scene has essentially altered the situation. The Government of India are by no means confident that Pilger will be able to handle Bhagat Ram without risk to the latter's safety.

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Therefore the Government of India advise against sending Bhagat Ram back at present. Subject to approval by your Departments concerned, India proposes to send an interim report by a special messenger which will reply to questions asked by Chandra Bose. The report will also include an assessment of the situation which is necessary to correct any impressions which may have been created in Berlin by the joint efforts of Witzel and Bhagat Ram to the effect that the Central Committee is prepared to bring about a general revolt in India in the near future.

I further beg to inform you that the Departments concerned in India have despatched a very long report dealing with various aspects of the Bhagat Ram affair. It is hoped that this report would reach Moscow about the 26th/30th of December when it will be immediately transmitted to you on receipt."

I would not go into details of this document. I shall only clarify that Witzel who is mentioned in the letter was also a staffer of the German Intelligence looking after Bhagat Ram.

Servant of four bosses

Bhagat Ram established contacts with Russian agents in Kabul seven months after he and Bose had knocked at the door of the German Embassy. During that time Bose had successfully reached Berlin and Bhagat Ram on the instructions of the Italian and German intelligence services had made a number of trips to India. But the main event occurred on the 22nd of June, 1941. That day Germany attacked the Soviet Union - the circumstances which, according to subsequent confessions of Bhagat Ram, actually compelled him to persistently search for contact with the Russians.

At first with the Chief of Russian agents in Kabul he told that he himself and his party Kisan Kirti, an advocate of communist ideology, were struggling against the British for a free and independent India. He informed that his elder brother, Ramhari Kishan, motivated by hatred towards the British had committed a terrorist act by assassinating the Government General of Punjab. For that he was hanged. His two other brothers - Jamna Dass and Isher Dass were persecuted by the colonial administration for revolutionary activities. However, today, proceeded Bhagat Ram with his story, fascist Germany became the main enemy of India and of the whole

progressive humanity. The mortal danger impending over the Soviet Union was also the mortal danger for India, since only the Soviet Union was able to help her in gaining independence. And Bhagat Ram offered his services to the Soviets, having informed that he enjoyed full confidence of the Germans and Italians. Thus he became a Soviet agent under the conspiratorial name of Ram.

Following several months Bhagat Ram made a request to the Chief of Soviet agents in Kabul that the Russians should inform the British about his secret services in favour of the USSR. He explained his request by stating that now it was very difficult to conduct underground activities in India and even more difficult to prepare information for the Germans which would look reliable, but at the same time would not cause any damage to the anti-Hitler coalition. The Russian side agreed to the proposal and thus Bhagat Ram became a servant of four bosses - the Italians, the Germans, the Russians and the British. Which of them was he loyal to and who was deceived by him? Undoubtedly, he deceived the Germans and the Italians. But what his game was in the case of the Russians and the British is a very complicated question, and in order to get a reply it is necessary to carry out meticulous research of the documents from intelligence archives of a minimum of five states - Italy, Germany, USSR, Great Britain and India.

However, we are interested not in Bhagat Ram, but in Subhash Chandra Bose. What on earth could take place? All his flaming passion of an Indian patriot, all his vibrant energy of an ardent revolutionary that Bose put into a dangerous, uncompromising fight with British oppressors. That was the main goal of his life. And when the World War started, he sided with Germany, Italy and Japan. He resolutely staked on the military defeat of the British. To see the freedom of his motherland he allied himself with fascists, believing that for the sake of a sacred cause one might make an alliance with the Devil himself, provided the Devil was willing to rout his enemies. From Berlin, the lair of Fascism, he conducted not only propagandistic and ideological war, but also armed struggle against the damned British. He conducted it leaning on Bhagat Ram who was the only agent through whom he was able to effectively and actively guide his supporters in India. And meanwhile his loyal and reliable assistant would handover Bose's messages to those damned British and would send to him in Berlin faked reports alleging that all India would be eager to receive her German and Japanese liberators

with outstretched arms. This means an entire failure of Bose's ambitions,
of the titanic efforts by the Netaji and fascist secret services in the fight
for India.

Thus Bhagat Ram betrayed Bose, betrayed his cause. Did he?
Don't be hasty with conclusions. Staying in Berlin and subsequently - in
Singapore and Tokyo, Bose conducted a struggle not against Great Britain.
He fought against Germany and Japan.

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Ministry of External Affairs
(Asia Pacific Division)

Subject : Controversy regarding Netaji's death and bringing his ashes to India from Japan.

This is in continuation of correspondence on the subject referred to above. I enclose for your information and record Article Nos 8 and 9 on Netaji which appeared in the Russian Magazine 'Asia and Africa Today'.



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23.12.93

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri C.I.Joy, Dir (IS-I))

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THE SECRET BEHIND THE DEATH OF SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

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On 18th of August 1945, four days after the Japanese Emperor had declared acceptance of the Postdam Declaration and of the fact of total capitulation, the Japanese twin engine fighter 97-11-Satti took off to Manchuria from Matsuyana airforce base in Taiwan. All twelve anti-craft machine guns were removed from this fighter plane as all military actions in this region were called off. The first pilot AOYAGI, who piloted this flight was assisted by Major Takizawa.

There were altogether 11 passengers on board including the Chief of Staff of the Burmese Army command Lt. General Sidei, eight more Japanese military officers and two Indian nationals.

As this flight was heavily loaded, it could take off with great difficulty from the run-way. Soon after the departure, the left propeller followed by the left wing engine fell apart and the craft took a steep tilt to right and crashed on the ground, despite desperate efforts by the pilots. Both pilot Takizawa and the General, who sat on the front seats died. The passengers remaining alive had to come out practically through the flames. Among them, there were two Indians - prominent leader of the Indian freedom movement, Subhash Chandra Bose and his aide Habibur Rehman. Bose received serious burns and facial wounds. His aide helped him to get out of the burning clothes and laid him at the grass.

Evidence of H. Rehman on this mishap has been published on a number of occasions in the Indian press and in other literature. Later, it was further elaborated by a Japanese journalist, Tatsuo Khayasita in his book, which carries a complete list of names and addresses of those who remained alive. Nevertheless, the fact of the crash continues to be a mystery for many people.

It may be said without any exaggeration that this tragedy has evoked great attention among wide circles of the Indian public. If because one of the undisclosed mysteries of the last days of the Second World War and turned to be the subject of considerable literature. Now, 48 years passed and this issue has retained not only its acuteness but also acquired increased relevance. In this connection, our country's name is increasingly mentioned. Nobody bothers about the fate of the Japanese General and officers. Researchers and politicians only focus

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on the fate of this person - Subhash Chandra Bose. Let us examine all versions that are available on date.

CRASH IN MATSUYAMA

How could Subhash Chandra Bose - a contemporary of Jawaharlal Nehru and elected President of Indian National Congress in 1938 and, being the most popular leader in India, happen to be on board the plane ? He represented that majority faction of Indian nationalists, who argued for mustering support from the nation's hostility the British. During the Second World War, he made a mistake by anticipating the victory of the fascist alliance and ran from India to Germany in 1941 and later managed to reach the East in a submarine. In Burma, he became the head of the puppet Government of "Free India" and commanded the so-called Indian National Army (INA) formed with the help of Japan, by recruiting Indian prisoners of war. Some divisions of this Army took part in the armed attack by the Japanese Army against the Indian town of Imphal.

With the Japanese defeat, Bose's position became weak and the British Court prepared a severe sentence on him for his alleged alliance with the enemy. At that point, according to versions of some researchers, Bose tried to seek asylum in the Soviet Union and expected to get support there for his patriotic activity. He could astutely foresee the cracks in relations among the anti-Hitler coalition and thought of taking advantage of it. The Japanese command in Burma offered him support in this and he left for Mukden from Singapore in order to establish contacts with the Soviets. The Matsuyama crash shattered this flight. Further developments were covered in Khayasidas book, who happened to be in Taibe.

Heavily wounded Bose, who fell unconscious, was removed to the hospital, where he died after eight in the evening despite intensive medical treatment including transfusion of blood, injections and sulphamide drugs. At the time of his demise, two Japanese doctors Iosimi and Tsuruta, Habibur Rehman, interpreter Nakamura, and a Chinese nurse were present. Nakamura recalled that immediately after the last breath of Bose, his aide Rahman bent on his knees and prayed for a few minutes with tear filled eyes. He tried to get the body of Bose transported either to Singapore or Japan. But the Japanese decided to cremate him immediately. The funeral ceremony took place on 22 August in the presence of Habibur Rahman, two Japanese officers and a Buddhist priest. The mortal remains of Bose were then brought to Tokyo by Habibu. Rahman, where a similar ceremony was held before keeping it in a Buddhist temple, Renkoji, six kilometres from the central part of Tokyo.

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The first news about the demise of Bose was conveyed by Japanese Radio on 20 August and on 23 August, it was officially confirmed.

This tragic news really stunned the Indians and thousands of soldiers of the INA in Burma perceived the demise of Bose as their personal tragedy. In India itself, his compatriots, who had come to know a lot about Bose in Burma and Malaya through the media, and highly regarded him, were shocked by the news of his death. But, the atmosphere started changing quickly. The issue around the delayed information on the crash was raised for debate, though it was easy to explain the chaos and confusion which prevailed at that time in a country which fought a lost battle and awaited foreign occupation. It was widely believed that some secret had been hidden and it was felt that there was something behind the disappearance of Bose. Even, M.K. Gandhi stated : "I am deeply convinced that Subhash Babu (in Bengali - Mr.) is alive".

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH

Indians were not the only ones who evinced interest in this incident. The British Government was concerned by the fact that thousands of Indians joined INA, the popularity of which was high as a fighter for freedom, and so decided to organise a show-down legal prosecution against the leadership of INA, primarily against Bose. An arrest warrant was signed and issued. Two special groups, consisting of officers from the Intelligence Service, led by Finn and Davis were appointed for investigation. The Davis group visited Saigon, from where the plane with Bose on board took off for Taibey. Later, it went to Taiwan. The Finn group made a series of inquiries in Bangkok. Both, Finn and Davis prepared reports on their investigations which were never published. But there is one very interesting fact which allows one to judge the results achieved : as a result, the arrest warrant on Bose was revoked. Obviously, one can suppose that convincing evidence of the death was received.

One more parallel investigation was conducted by the Director of Anglo-Indian Military Intelligence under General McArthur in Tokyo, which gave a similar report. One should not ignore a detailed documentary compilation "Jumping Tiger" by a Service Officer H. Toya, which covered the entire activity of Bose between 1941-1945. This book was released in London in 1959 and was highly evaluated by experts. H. Toy never questioned the death of Bose.

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Soon, the Indian side also started its own investigation. The popularity of Bose in India and especially in Bengal shot up to its peak. Tens of books on him and on his INA were published - selective and collected works, speeches of Bose, memoirs by close contemporaries of Bose, collection of documents on the activity of "Free India" in Burma were published. In that atmosphere, a case against three detained officers of INA was lost and the British Court did not even dare to sentence them and therefore, released them.

The Indian public has virtually craved for confirmation of rumours that Bose was alive. Recently launched Indian agencies like "Free Press of India" and "News Service" have sent their correspondent Harin Shah to Taiwan, and for this visit, the founder of these agencies Sadanand could manage to get personal invitation from Chiang Kaishek. Two contemporaries of Bose - A.K.N. Nambiar, who was in Germany with him and A.K. Iyer - who was in Burma travelled along with Harin Shah.

The Indians worked very thoroughly. They questioned a number of eye-witnesses and others, majority of whom were of Chinese nationality, witness to those events. They were, mostly workers of the hospital where Bose died, as well as officers of the Bureau of Health and Hygiene of Taipei.

Evidence was collected even from the Japanese witnesses who remained in Taiwan after its independence from Japanese occupation. Harin Shah photographed the most important witnesses as well as documents, for example, Bose's death registration certificate, the unearthed Tsian Pisha, a Chinese hospital sister, who told him the most disconcerting phrase in all his investigations : "He died here, I was by his side". Harin Shah wrote later that the sister's words put him and his fellow-men in a daze close to delirium. "we looked at her as if we were in a trance".

The Indians followed Bose's last journey from the hospital bed to the crematorium, while still searching for all those who accompanied him on this journey right down to the Chinese crematorium worker, Chu Tsung, who did do a cremation on the 22nd of August at 6 o'clock in the evening. Harin Shah examined the chamber, holy for every Indian which was used only once in 1945 as it was meant for tall, stalwart people, and Bose was definitely not one such man.

Invariably, all the witnesses questioned alluded to the fact that Bose and later his body was accompanied by a tall Indian with a bandaged arm and a cut on the face. That was Habibur Rehman. All the facts that Harin Shah received, linked up. He made a statement that "no contradictions had been uncovered as concerns the fate of Bose's body".

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CONTRADICTORY FACTS

All the same, it is true that some contradictions are not all that substantial. For example, a disparity exists in naming the actual time of Rose's death. The hospital sister, Tsian Pisha stated that death occurred at 11 o'clock in the evening, T. Haisida - after 8 in the evening, H. Rahman - at 9 or 10 in the evening, the Taipei University Professor K.S. Bei - at 1.30 in the afternoon, and in the death certificate, preserved in the crematorium records, the time of death has been moved up to 4 o'clock in the afternoon of 19th August. More so, the cause of death has been named as heart-attack. Harin Shah did not fix his attention on these contradictions and remarked only that Rose's death certificate had been "carelessly drawn up".

Facts about Rose's last words also arouse interest. Habibur Rehman published Bose's last message to his fellow countrymen : "I have fought till the very end for India's freedom and now give up my life for this goal. My countrymen ! Carry on this struggle . Very soon India will be free. Long Live Free India ! " This is the very message that an eminent leader should give to his people.

But totally different words - "My Greetings to Commander Terauti" - are stated in the report of the 4th Division of the Asian Department of the Japanese Ministry of External Affairs, published in 1956 and wholly devoted to Bose's visit to South East Asia from 1943-45, with the purpose of making evident that Japan rendered him all possible assistance. "These were his last words" - says the document. And finally, according to the evidence of the hospital sister Tsian Pisha, his last words were the following : "A calm death. I die with peace."

When together with Harin Shah, one goes over his book, "Verdict from Formosa" and the last pages of the drama in Taipei open, it is impossible to believe that we are reading of someones devilish thoughts, the purpose of which was to cover one's tracks and hide the truth. Even the Japanese Matav Oabi whom Harin Shah not quite unexpectedly in the University Hospital, informed that his brother, a military police official, Masanori Nagaki, recounted to him the catastrophe at the aerodrome and of Bose's death, and that he was accompanied by another Indian with a wounded arm.

It is impossible not to mention one other supposition. If one were to assume that the catastrophe had not taken place and that a

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secret agreement of some kind exists, which for some reason concerns the Japanese, then why should the Chinese personnel of the hospital and crematorium confirm the fact of Bose's death ? After all, when Harin Shah visited Taiwan, Taiwan was already free of Japanese power and the Chinese had no one to fear.

In 1947 an important meeting took place between Harin Shah and H. Rehman. As a result of a lengthy discussion that they had, Harin Shah came to the conclusion that his answers "totally confirmed all the facts, that had been collected by me from important witnesses in Formosa". In the end of 1948 or in the beginning of 1949, he met with Bose's brother, Sarat Chandra Bose, only to quickly start that whatever the fate may be, his feelings would never allow him to accept that his brother was dead. It is to be mentioned that Sarat Chandra Bose did not state any reasonable or logical arguments for justifying his stand and was only guided by emotions.

Harin Shah also met with the outstanding leader of the Indian National Congress, Vallabbhai Patel, who did not have the least doubt that Bose had died. However, Harin Shah's book on the investigations conducted by him could not be printed for the next 10 years and was published only in 1956. Not hiding his insulted feelings, Harin Shah wrote that though he was the only Indian to visit Taiwan immediately after the war and to collect convincing evidence on the circumstances surrounding Bose's death, a conspiracy of silence was organised around this issue. When after his investigations Harin Shah was preparing to leave Taiwan, he received a telegram from the head of the Sadanand Agency which well illustrates the attitude in India towards the news concerning Bose : "If you say that he is dead, then this is no news. If he is alive, then come back by any method, hire a plane".

In 1947, India gained Independence. In those happy, thrilling and at the same time very troubled years, the question of Bose's fate somewhat lost its intensity. From 1945 till 1950, no Indian appeared at the temple of Renkoji to honour the distinguished Indian leader. The modestly dressed Buddhist monk was the only caretaker of the urn of his ashes.

THE TREASURE SUITCASES

But soon after the proclamation of the Indian Republic, the situation began to change. In May 1950 the head of the Indian Diplomatic Mission in Japan, K.K. Chettiyar, paid the temple a visit, after which

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Indians began to appear there regularly. And by the year 1955, on 18th August, the day of Bose's death, a memorial service was held there, which was attended by prominent Japanese personalities other than Indians. Also present were the widow of the Japanese premier Todzio and four generals.

It was then that there also began to surface some not so unimportant facts and details that had earlier not interested anyone. These concern, in particular, the issue of jewels, found in Bose's suitcases. It became known that two of them contained approximately 140 kg. each of gold jewellery - rings, bracelets, chains, necklaces, sacrifices made by the Indian population living in the Japanese occupied countries for the needs of the INA and Bose's leadership. Habibur Rehman stated that on the very next day after Bose's death, he had enquired of them from the Japanese officials. He was informed that the aircraft had burnt along with its cargo contents, but that some small amount of jewellery had been saved. Haisida wrote that all the involved personnel did everything to fulfill their duty, to collect and preserve all the valuables and now (the book was published in 1964) they are "a contribution to Indo-Japanese friendship".

Actually, however, things look different. The jewels were collected with the help of a few tens of people, who covered the site of the catastrophe with sand, after which the gold and jewellery were put into a big jerry-can and sealed. But Habibur Rehman was handed over a wooden box with the valuables in addition to the broken seat. They weighed in all only 11 Kgs. and everything had been damaged by fire. Later, this box was kept under the care of the President of the League of Indian Independence, Murli, in Tokyo, who on 24 September 1951 handed it over to the Indian Mission in Tokyo, after which it was delivered to Delhi and placed in the State Museum.

It is interesting to note that Bose's gold cigarette case with diamonds, a present to him by Hitler, was preserved.

In spite of all the investigations and evidence from eye-witnesses, the belief that Bose had not died and that the story of the in-air catastrophe was cleverly fabricated, continued in India.

A new attempt to reach for the truth was undertaken. The Director of the Bureau of Information of the Government of Bombay State, S.A. Iyer, who in August 1945 himself saw Bose off at the Saigon airport and who later went to Tokyo, where he met H. Rehman in late May 1951, again set off for Japan so as to convince himself that the air crash in Taipei had really taken place. Apparently, the most important event for him were the meetings with the surviving aviation Colonel Nanogaki and Army Captain Arai. They confirmed the evidence collected by H. Rehman, already known to him.

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On the 15th of September 1951, he was invited by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru for discussions, to whom he showed photographs and documents that he had collected and which had been signed by Japanese. "I don't have the least doubt that the ashes that are in the temple of Renkoji in Tokyo - are indeed the ashes of Netaji", - stated S.A. Iyer. A resume of his report to the Prime Minister was presented before the Indian Parliament.

However, as before, these evidences were not believed, and wide circles of Indian society demanded official investigations. The Government was compelled to yield and on 5th April 1956, a special committee to study the facts concerning the last period of Bose's life was constituted, "as public opinion demanded that all the facts be studied and then made public". Its composition was carefully prepared. First of all it included Subhash Chandra Bose's elder brother - Suresh Chandra Bose. The Committee also consisted of Shah Nawaz Khan, the INA Major General and the then Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Railways. He literally worshipped Bose, as his memoirs published in 1945 make clear.

The third member of the Committee was S.N. Maitra, the Chief Commissioner of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, that were occupied by Japanese troops and later "handed over" to Bose's leadership.

The Committee worked under difficult conditions, being subject to the strongest of pressures. It immediately met with conflicting evidences which did not at all help objective investigations. A member of the Legislative Assembly of Madras State, M. Thevar, made some sensational statements that he had recently made contact with Bose. However, the Parliamentarian refused to produce any documents or share any secrets with the members of the Committee. The Committee's attention was drawn to Bose's instructions, supposedly given by him to his comrades-in-arms, to go underground and be in contact with him on radio. Such attempts were indeed made in Bangkok in the 10 days after Bose's departure but without success.

The members of the Committee conducted laborious investigations in Delhi, Bangkok, Saigon and Tokyo, having interrogated 67 witnesses including four of the six surviving Japanese officers. In its report, the Committee stated that it did not receive any evidence directly confirming Bose's death.

From the photograph, printed after his death with his face covered, it was impossible to identify him, though H. Rehman (in the photograph, standing next to him) explained that Bose's face was very swollen and

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was also disfigured by cuts and wounds. At that time, Rehman lived in Pakistan,
but his testimony was received by the Committee.

The Committee could not visit Taiwan due to absence of diplomatic relations between India and the Kuomintang Government, but it took into account the findings of the investigation carried out by Harin Shah. The Committee noted that it had got testimonies on Bose's death from persons of different nationalities who had not been in touch with each other and therefore, any agreement between them was ruled out. Thus, there was no reason to doubt the fact. A report by the Committee emphasised that Bose's remains lay in the temple of Renkoji in Tokyo and should be shifted to India to erect a memorial over them at a proper venue.

ADVANTAGE THEME

However, not all members of the Committee agreed with those findings. Bose's brother Suresh refused to sign the report and submitted an alternative text casting doubts on the Committee's findings. In this connection that part of the report is noteworthy which sets forth considerations by the authors regarding those who do not believe in Bose's death. Such people can be divided into two groups. The first one comprises members of Bose's family who believe that he is alive, out of contact with any Indians and would appear in India when he finds it necessary. Bose's relatives are of the opinion that the Japanese Government helped him to go into hiding and, as for Rehman's testimonies, one should not attach any importance to them since he is bound by an oath. An official report by the Commissioner rejected this argument on the ground that Japanese testimonies are confirmed by representatives of other nations. Besides, if H. Rehman is bound by an oath, this is not the case with the Japanese, who simply have no reasons to lie. Let us add to this that under the conditions of the Cold War when Japan became a US ally and when antagonists used any facts for conducting a propagandistic war, it would have been very advantageous for Japan and the West to spread information that Bose had reached Mukdan, crossed the Soviet border and was apparently being kept in prison. That would have been a very advantageous theme, promising them a lot of benefits from varied points of view. There could have been individual Japanese eager to use the sensational material to further their own ends. However, nothing like that happened. The report stresses that the second group sticks to the opinion that Bose has been seen by some people, that from time to time he turns up in different places, for instance, in China. The

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author of a brochure published in India argued that initially Bose had been a Russian prisoner, later - a General of the Chinese Army and subsequently a member of the Mongolian trade union delegation to China. Some people even stated that they have seen Bose among Nagas fighting against Indian troops.

In spite of the fact that the official committee of 1956 carried out a lot of work and collected numerous pieces of evidence on Bose's death, its report was considerably devalued by Bose's brother's refusal to sign the document, his rejection of the very thought of Bose's death and submitting of the text of his own findings. This circumstance only multiplied those who doubted the fact of Bose's death in 1945. The number of conjectures about his possible fate increased. The prevailing version was that Bose was in the Soviet Union. The Indian Government was repeatedly presented with demands that it should conduct another investigation. In December 1967, about 350 Indian MPs sent a memorandum to the Indian President insisting that explorations should be carried out in cooperation with the Governments of Japan and Taiwan. "Nothing but such an investigation would satisfy the public opinion and would dissipate the mystery of the Netaji", said the message. In June 1968, a prominent Indian historian Samar Guha stated at a press conference that "a new investigation of the Netaji's mystery is our national duty".

After a delay of two more years, the Indian Government was eventually induced to appoint by an ordinance of 11 July 1970 a commission consisting of one member - G.D. Khosla, a retired Judge who earlier headed the Supreme Court of Punjab. He was entrusted with the mission to "explore circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent events". By that decision the Government itself questioned the findings of the 1956 Committee.

G.D. Khosla accomplished the mission. He published records of examination of all major witnesses who tried to prove that Bose had not died in a crash landing and indicated numerous contradictions in their testimonies. "We should reconcile ourselves to the fact of his death and seek consolation in the thought that he died ardently serving his motherland", he wrote in the report, maintaining further that it was time to abandon all doubts regarding the death of the outstanding politician.

A CLUE

As a result of the investigation yet another book was published in India. But the situation did not change in the least. From time to time

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the Indian press published sensational reports of a most incredible character. A furore was created by the report that one Sadhu in Shaulmari Ashram, West Bengal was identified as Bose, the fact having been confirmed by many of his associates. A sudden disappearance of the Sadhu seemingly proved the correctness of the surmise. The report was especially intriguing as one Delhi taxi driver stated that he had seen Bose in that disguise. There were also testimonies that he had been seen in Rangoon dressed as a Burmese priest. An explanation as to why he was in hiding was also suggested : it was alleged that his personality sustained changes, he had lost his memory and was even unaware that the war was over.

But still the most popular was the version according to which Bose was staying in our country. The data available on that score might be divided into two groups. According to the first one, Bose was welcomed in Moscow as an honourable person. Somebody testified that on December 24, 1956 Bose had been received in the Kremlin. Others maintained that Bose had been seen in a Siberian camp. Former MP, Dr. Satya Narayan Sinha told G.D. Khosla that this had been conveyed to him by a certain Russian Officer Kuslov (Kislov?).

The fate of the Swedish diplomat Raul Wallenberg greatly stirred up interest for the latter version.

"Echo of the Planet" Magazine (November 22, 1962) published a well-founded article by A. Vinogradov titled "Life and death of Netaji Bose" - the first one exploring this subject in our press. The article contains a number of facts which indicate that, after the Second World War, Bose seemed to stay in the Soviet Union. But since it adduces no indisputable document, the article unfortunately, can only add to the long list of Indian publications of the same kind. The author is supplemented with a remarkable editorial note which very cautiously says that "Moscow is quite well informed about the real state of things, more than this, the relevant document is available". Unfortunately, it is impossible to understand why precisely is meant by "the real state of things" and to what that document "relates. The reference made to "reliable sources" is astonishing too. In the epoch of openness we have got accustomed that our journalists do not conceal things they know.

The author of the article has at his disposal a single reliable document pertaining to the subject - a letter by the "Main Archives Department of the Foreign Ministry of the USSR which says that the archives of the Foreign Ministry contain no documents on contacts between Soviet diplomats and Bose.

However, there are many other archives in our country. Probably they contain a clue to the mystery of Subhash Chandra Bose.

NECESSARY EPILOGUE

By V. TOURADJEV

Probably, until recently only experts knew about Chandra Bose in our country, though he is quite an extraordinary figure. Bose is not only a prominent politician. He is a remarkable, but in many aspects also, a controversial personality, a man whose life and fate are wrapped up in a shroud of many legends and mysteries. One of the mysteries is connected with our country. Many in India and not only in India, are still confident that at the very end of the War, Netaji found himself in the Soviet Union, where his traces were lost.

The above article by A. Raikov who has been for a long time engaged in profound studies on India seems to give a well-grounded answer to this question. Indeed, serious scholars do not look for sensations and do not question the fact of Subhash Chandra Bose's death in August 1945. Documents and testimonies quoted by A. Raikov, convincingly proved this....

But stil..... still doubts remain.

Vinogradov's article published in "Echo of the Planet" says that Habibur Rehman who accompanied Bose in his last flight got off from the plane in Taiwan and thus became not a victim, but a witness to the crash landing. However, the facts quoted by A. Raikov are indicative of a different thing. Habibur Rehman was near Netaji when the bomber crashed, having lost its left engine, and both of them had to get out from under the debris through the flames. All those who were helping both Indians in those dramatic hours saw Habibur Rehman's bandaged hand and burnt face.

The discrepancy is very serious. If A. Vinogradov is right (and he leans on materials from the Indian press) then the version about Netaji's double or, at least, about a man who pretended to be Subhash Chandra Bose, is possible. Japanese officers who flew with him in the plane, as well as Chinese personnel of the airport and in Taipei Hospital where efforts were made to save Bose's life did not know him by face. Habibur Rehman knew him, but he got off the plane literally a few minutes before the crash landing. What was the reason for that? The bomber was heavily overloaded. But there were other passengers in it and a lot of luggage. And how could Netaji who was accustomed to numerous servants and personal guards be left without his adjutant? Did he plan to cross the Soviet border alone?

In such a case can we assume that Bose was not in the plane which crashed in Taiwan on the 18th of August 1945. Could it be that the crash landing was pre-arranged and Rehman, knew about it and left the plane in time ? Put which party so cunningly organised that ? Were they Bose's friends - the Germans ? But at that time fascist Germany was plunged into defeat and ruin and leaders of the Third Reich hid themselves as cockroaches in the cracks, committed suicide or were arrested and awaited trial. Were they Bose's patrons - the Japanese ? But Japan just before that announced its surrender and its Generals cared only about saving their skins. Does it follow that they were Russians ? But what on earth could be their reason ? True, there were also the British- sworn enemies of Netaji. As is known, they had issued a warrant to arrest him. But they wanted Bose himself and not his double. However, there is a variant under which it would be convenient for the British to deal precisely with his double. We will discuss that variant later.

Let us consider quite a simple question, dictated by common sense : What could be the reason for Bose's desire to go to the Soviet Union ? It is known that Moscow for many years demonstratively abstained from any contacts with him. (Here also follows a natural question - Why ?). And what could be the fate of the man who during the whole war had cooperated with fascists in the country which had first of all suffered from fascism ? Bose could admire "effectiveness and discipline" of the Nazis in the Thirties, but by the end of the War he already knew about extermination camps and gas chambers in Europe, about genocide of Russians, Ukrainians, Byelarusians, Jews, about sufferings and tortures of peoples, enslaved by the Swastika. Could Bose expect a warm welcome in the USSR ? Of course, he could not.

So, consequently he found himself in a Siberian camp", - again repeat those who stubbornly insist on "the Russian trace". Well, for God's sake, was Bose eager to get into a Soviet jail ". He, so to say, had an option, not necessarily in triumph. Probably, at first he would have had to stay there in hiding. But in India he was adored and worshipped. And could the warrant to arrest, issued by British authorities, prevent him ? No.

But there was another reason. And here we are approaching the main point which actually accounts for this note as a follow up of A. Raikov's article. The thing is that the editors of "Asia and Africa Today" got the

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opportunity to acquaint themselves with material from the KGB archives which are in some way related to Subhash Chandra Bose. In our opinion, those documents induce one to take a new glance at the life and fate of the prominent figure of the Indian national liberation movement. We will discuss this subject in the next issue of the magazine.

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"Whom Subhash Chandra Bose fought against during Second World War years"

By V. Touradjev

"In the epilogue to A. Raikov's article "Mystery of Subhash Chandra Bose's death" published in the previous issue of the magazine we informed our readers that we had got an opportunity to acquaint ourselves with materials from the KGB archives in some way connected with life and activities of that leader of the Indian national liberation struggle, an associate of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Referring for assistance to the Intelligence Service of Russia we wanted to find out whether at the very end of World War II Bose had really found himself in the Soviet Union and what had happened to him. Rumours that he did not die in the air crash in Taiwan and did manage to get to Moscow, that he was noticed in Siberian camps are actively circulating not only abroad but also here, in the country of victorious Glasnost (openness) and democracy.

Last year Subhash Chandra Bose was awarded the Bharat Ratna - the highest award of India, and in this connection arguments regarding his fate flared up with new force.

So what really happened to Bose? Do the KGB archives contain an answer to this question?

Documents which became available to the editors are very interesting, though they do not contain messages by fearless KGB men who would have reported as to how they had unscrewed nuts from an engine resulting in the crash of the airplane with Bose on board. Neither do they contain reports from Siberian camps which could have given rise to conjectures that Bose spent his last days right there. However, there is something in the materials from the KGB archives which would astonish not only Bose's Indian admirers. I realise the power of the information bomb which will explode on the pages of the magazine. For a long time I meticulously studied the documents received. They are old, they contained information

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is chaotic. But nevertheless only one conclusion can be made on their basis. For this we shall have to refer to the events which occurred over half a century ago, at the very beginning of 1941.

With a forged passport

By that time Bose finally fell out with M.K. Gandhi and J. Nehru and established his own party - the Forward Bloc. He continued with his extremely radical position against British colonial rule and stood up for an independent and socialist India. He was telling friends that his intention was to move to the USSR and with Moscow's help to develop an active struggle for the liberation of the passionately loved motherland. England was his enemy number one. In turn the British perceived him as a dangerous rebel. They repeatedly jailed him, and late in 1940 he was again arrested. Court proceedings against him were to start on the 27th January, 1941. But the trial did not take place either in January or later. Bose escaped. The circumstances of his escape are not known.

But there is information about his subsequent movements. Early in 1941 he turned up in Kabul together with Bhagat Ram, an activist of the left party Kirti Kisan which was close to the communists. Very soon they established contact with the German and Italian Embassies and in short time telegrams flew to Berlin and Rome reporting that the leader of the Forward Bloc party, Subhash Chandra Bose, sought German patronage, requested to take him across to Germany and offered his services for a joint struggle against the British.

Circumstances of Bose's advent in Afghanistan and steps he took there are extremely important for understanding further events, so we are narrating them in details.

Thus, Bose arrived in Afghanistan and referred for help to the Germans and not to the Russians, and requested them to take him to Berlin and not to Moscow. Some sources, including Bhagat Ram, maintain that it was practically impossible to get in touch with the Soviet Embassy, whereas it was no problem for the Afghans, and consequently for the Indians to get access to the Germans. This is true. But in Kabul Bhagat Ram had a friend and reliable associate in the person of Uttam Chand, an owner of a small shop. Bhagat Ram owned a flat attached to that shop which

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traded in gramophones and records of a famous British firm "His Master's Voice". Therefore, Uttam Chang knew a path to the Russians, but for some reason did not propose to Bose to use it. One may surmise that Bose anyway did not want to.

While giving evidence to an investigator in the Butyrskaya prison on January 20, 1946, Gans Pilger, the German Ambassador to Afghanistan, stated (quote from a rough copy of the record of evidence): "On arriving in Kabul Bose immediately approached me and subsequently Kuaroni (the Italian Ambassador), having stated that he is the leader of an Indian political party and that his party wages struggle in India against the British. Bose requested us to help him in emigrating from Kabul to Germany. I enquired from the German Foreign Ministry about that question, and they suggested that I should help Bose to leave for Berlin."

The Germans sought cooperation of the Soviet Embassy. Nowadays this seems strange and even improbable, but let us recall that in 1939 Moscow and Berlin signed two agreements which announced "friendliness" in Soviet-German relationship. However, that did not prevent them from being on the alert about each other. The appeal by German "friends" did not surprise Moscow. By that time Lubyanka (the KGB) had already got a message by its agent about "a certain Hindu who escaped from India to Afghanistan and found shelter with "brewers". The Hindu was Bose, and as "brewers" KGB men designated German Secret Service men.

"Brewers" wanted to airlift Bose to Berlin by a Soviet plane. That was Pilger's request at his meeting with our Ambassador. He also promised that Italian instructors who worked at the Kabul airport would be able to place the Indian on board, in secret from Afghan personnel. But the Soviet side categorically opposed the plan. "Brewers" had to provide Bose with a forged passport in the name of Italian engineer Orlando Mazzotti, since the Italian allies were in the know of the story. Fearing that British agents might have the Indian revolutionary shadowed, the Germans requested issuing of a Soviet entrance visa to Bose in his absence. For this purpose our Embassy was specially visited by Pilger's assistant, Head of Chancery of the German Embassy, Schmidt. On March 15, visa N 064033 was stamped in the passport of Italian subject O. Mazzotti which allowed him transit through the Soviet Union without the right to halt. The instruction regarding issue of the visa was given personally by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs A.Y. Vyshinsky.

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After three days, Bose accompanied by a staffer of the German Embassy, Wenger, left Kabul by car and on March 22, crossed the Afghan-Soviet border in the area of the Termez-Zaremba border control post. After that via Bukhara and Samarkand he set out by train for Moscow and further - for Berlin.

During all that time neither the British nor the Indian press carried a single line about Bose. Half a year passed, and only then he suddenly became the topic of the day. It was indeed sudden as if somebody had given the command to start it. The row was incredible. Newspapers were headlined "Mysterious disappearance of Bose", "Bose mysteriously vanished", "Where is Subhash Chandra Bose?" etc. State officials, diplomats, journalists were racking their brains as to what could have happened to the Forward Bloc leader, how he had managed to escape and where he had been hiding himself. At last, on November 10, in Delhi while speaking to members of the State Council, Minister of Home Affairs Conrad Smith made a statement:

"Since recently it has become known that Subhash Chandra Bose is either in Rome or Berlin in order to support the German invasion of India by the method of the "fifth column". Leaflets have emerged in the country which leave no doubt that he has sided with the enemy."

An analogous statement was made in London at the House of Commons by the British Minister for Indian and Burmese Affairs. Officials stated that they did not have any information as to how Bose had managed to escape from the colonial authorities.

The "Times of India" put forward its own version. In its issue of 12 November, 1941 it published an article which hazarded a conjecture that Bose had managed to leave India by a Japanese ship and subsequently, via Soviet territory, reached Italy or Germany.

The British Ambassador to Kabul having visited the Soviet Ambassador under some formal pretext, questioned him during the conversation as to whether he knew anything about Bose and whether the latter had been issued a visa for travel to Germany. The Englishman was of the opinion that Bose could have reached Berlin only via the Soviet Union or Iran. It was

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stated to the British diplomat that the Soviet Embassy in Kabul did not possess any information about Bose, had had no contact with him and had never issued a visa to a person having that name. Formally that was true, for the visa had been received by Italian engineer Orlando Mazzotti.

My enemy's enemy is my friend

Thus, Bose found himself in Berlin where he launched an active anti-British campaign. Speaking on the radio, he wrathfully stigmatised British colonialism and urged the Indians to side with the "Axis countries" (Germany, Italy, Japan). He emotionally maintained that the military defeat of Great Britain would entail liberation of India from centuries-old humiliation and slavery. He started to organise his Indian followers into a new military political organisation - The Indian National Revolutionary Committee - which was assigned the task of forming combat groups under conditions of profound secrecy and of starting large-scale subversive operations against the British.

Bose persuaded the Germans to make the Italians transfer to him ⁴Indian soldiers captured in Africa. Those soldiers were proposed to constitute a core of "Azad Hind Fauj" which, as conceived by the Netaji, would triumphantly enter the motherland under the national green-white-orange banner. The organisation "Free India" which he had set up in Berlin, practically performed in the eyes of its patrons the functions of "the Indian Government in exile" waiting for an opportunity to formally obtain this status and to receive international recognition.

Bhagat Ram, Bose's friend and kindred spirit who had helped him to escape to Afghanistan, was the main, if not the sole channel of Bose's contacts with his followers in India. This personality is very interesting and worth examining closely.

Having sent Bose to the Soviet Union, Ram shortly started to work ...for the Italians. On their instructions he made several trips to India and provided them with required information. The Italians were extremely happy. Intelligence data supplied by Bhagat Ram became a regular feature of reports by the Italian secret service in Kabul.

However, German intelligence service were also alert about him, for they, naturally, had the detailed information about the valuable agent Kwaroni had managed to obtain. "Brewers" believed (it was actually suggested to them by Bose himself) that Bhagat Ram could become a connecting link between the Berlin Headquarters of the Netaji and his followers in India who were really regarded by the Nazis as the "fifth column".

Meanwhile the Germans were thoroughly preparing for the invasion of the British colony. They well-groundedly considered that loss of "the Indian Pearl" would deliver a devastating blow to the British Empire.

Directive N 32 by the German General Headquarters, dated 11 June 1941 envisaged "continuation of the struggle against British positions in the Mediterranean Sea and in the Middle East by concentric offence which is proposed to be launched from Libya through Egypt, from Bulgaria through Turkey, and also, depending on the situation, towards the Trans-Caucasian region through Iran." The objective of that offence was to annex Iran, Trans-Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, South Arabia."

Through Afghanistan, the Nazis planned to reach India, lay their hands on Indonesia, New Guinea, Borneo, Malaya, Singapore, the Islands of Oceania.

That is why the Germans developed such active espionage and subversive activities in Afghanistan. Afghanistan was a springboard for their jump towards the East, and they set great hopes on Bhagat Ram. He was no stranger in the area of the Pushtoon tribes and had many friends in Afghanistan. Like Subhash Chandra Bose he did not conceal his anti-British views, announced his willingness to pay any price for achieving the main goal of his life - liberation of India from colonial oppression. Such a man could not but become an object of "brewers'" attention, who at first were embarassed only by the fact that he had contacted them on his own while helping Bose to shift to Berlin. The Germans badly needed Indian sources of information, reliable agents, arms depots, secret addresses. Having considered Bose and having checked him through their channels, they shortly offered him cooperation in the struggle against the common enemy - the British. Ram did not hesitate for long. In the long run the Oriental adage proclaims: "My enemys enemy is my friend". Besides in Berlin Bose was also vigorously developing work. Contacts with him could be exercised only through the Germans - Ram gave his consent. Having received a conspiratorial name of Rahmat Khan, Bhagat Ram became a secret agent of the German

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The above-mentioned examination records made at the Butyrskaya prison in Moscow in 1945-46 are sufficiently indicative of the importance to the Germans of the "Subhash Chandra Bose-Bhagat Ram "linkage". But now I quote by Zugenbiller, a cypher officer of the German military intelligence posted in Kabul under cover of the German trade representation. He said: "The German Government and intelligence bodies considered that the priority in activities of the German intelligence service in Afghanistan consisted in deepening work with Bose and Rahmat Khan." What was the concrete manifestation of this? Zygenbiller clarifies: "Rahmat Khan was assigned the task of highlighting the political situation inside India on the basis of materials provided by the underground organisation which had been set up by Bose, gaining intelligence information about British military efforts in India, and of conveying instructions on subversive activities against the British in India to Bose's organisation. For these purposes we gave to Rahmat Khan considerable amounts of money and two wireless sets. Material handed to us by Rahmat Khan were highly appreciated in Berlin. The German Embassy in Kabul did not have any other channel of connection with Bose's followers in India.

By the beginning of 1942, the Germans started practical preparations for invading India. In February, Bhagat Ram was instructed to prepare and equip with all requisites the subversive groups which would be assigned first and foremost to disorganise work of ports along the whole sea coast of India, to arrange landing grounds for Japanese and German marines, to construct runways for aircraft of the German Air Force, to paralyze by acts of sabotage the defensive efforts of the British and to prepare the population for a rebellion against British rule.

In his next instruction letter from Berlin, Subhash Chandra Bose ordered:

1. Followers of Bhagat Ram are charged to send their representatives to areas contiguous with Afghanistan in order to persuade the tribes to rebel against the British authorities. The representatives should pledge to tribal chiefs to provide them with military equipment and to state that the programme of Free India envisages economic help to tribal population their protection from enemy attacks and that nobody would encroach on

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the independence and freedom of the tribes. The representatives should be authorised to make agreements with individual tribes.

Bose requested to be kept informed about the results of the negotiations with the tribes and to specifically indicate those tribes with whom agreements on joint action against the British authorities were proposed to be concluded.

2. To arrange a meeting with "Jamiat-al-Ulema" leaders, to convey to them Rashid al-Gilani's and the Mufti of Jerusalem's greetings, and to state that the time has come to stand up for the defence of Islam and the motherland, since, probably, there would be no other movement which might be so convenient for launching a struggle to liberate India from the British yoke. To ensure success of this struggle it is necessary to act jointly with Bose's followers.
3. To check the audibility of the two short-wave broadcasting stations stationed in Germany (in Berlin). Those stations were to create the impression as if they had made broadcasts from Indian territory.
4. To establish the location of the Germans who had been arrested in India and, according to Bose's information, had managed to escape, to get in touch with them and to enlist their cooperation in activities against the British authorities.

This letter, which also contains a long list of other instructions to Bhagat Ram, furnishes an idea of the large-scale subversive operations launched by Bose from Berlin. The Germans were undoubtedly very happy about this support on the part of Indians. Netaji was much favoured by hitlerites, the Fuehrer himself presented him with a golden cigarette-case decorated with diamonds. Bhagat Ram was also the object of attention. At a regular meeting with Bhagat Ram, Rasmus, a fixed-post German spy in Kabul, solemnly presented him with a German award. "Fuehrer is informed about you", confidentially said Rasmus to Bhagat Ram.

One can imagine the German fury should have they learnt that the greatly important subversive and intelligence work which had been carried through "Subhash Chandra Bose-Bhagat Ram" linkage had cost them so much efforts, material and financial means existed only on paper. The thing

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is that since middle of 1941 Bhagat Ram had been cooperating with the Soviet intelligence and simultaneously had been a highly secret agent of the British Intelligence Service. And all detailed reports of Rahmat Khan on political developments inside India, on the system of British defensive facilities in that country, on construction of secret airfields for landing of German aircraft, on preparation of terrorist groups, on the - promoted by him and by other followers of Bose - determination of the Indian masses to rise in national rebellion against the British rule as soon as the Germans appear in the Himalayan foothills - all those reports by the "extremely valuable agent of the German military intelligence" were, to put it bluntly, a sheer fraud, a fake, which secret services designate as "misinformation".

Bhagat Ram would receive Bose's instructions from Berlin (through Germans) and from Rasmus in Kabul, would leave for India through the zone of independent tribes, on having been lavishly supplied with directions, gold, money and espionage equipment, and then would return with reports on "accomplished work", prepared by Indian communists on the instructions of Moscow and by experts from MI-6, the British Intelligence. Since April 1942 the British had operated against German secret agents in Afghanistan in close cooperation with the Soviet intelligence.

Here, for example, is a letter sent by Colonel G.A. Hill, SIS representative in Moscow to his Russian colleague Colonel Osipov:

Most Secret

Moscow, 11th December, 1943.

Re: Bhagat Ram.

As you are aware, the Government of India has granted a safe-conduct to both Rasmus and Witzel of the German Embassy in Kabul who have been recalled by their Government to Germany. While their travelling arrangements will be subject to considerable delay, the disappearance of Witzel and Rasmus from Kabul scene has essentially altered the situation. The Government of India are by no means confident that Pilger will be able to handle Bhagat Ram without risk to the latter's safety.

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Therefore the Government of India advise against sending Bhagat Ram back at present. Subject to approval by your Departments concerned, India proposes to send an interim report by a special messenger which will reply to questions asked by Chandra Bose. The report will also include an assessment of the situation which is necessary to correct any impressions which may have been created in Berlin by the joint efforts of Witzel and Bhagat Ram to the effect that the Central Committee is prepared to bring about a general revolt in India in the near future.

I further beg to inform you that the Departments concerned in India have despatched a very long report dealing with various aspects of the Bhagat Ram affair. It is hoped that this report would reach Moscow about the 26th/30th of December when it will be immediately transmitted to you on receipt."

I would not go into details of this document. I shall only clarify that Witzel who is mentioned in the letter was also a staffer of the German Intelligence looking after Bhagat Ram.

Servant of four bosses

Bhagat Ram established contacts with Russian agents in Kabul seven months after he and Bose had knocked at the door of the German Embassy. During that time Bose had successfully reached Berlin and Bhagat Ram on the instructions of the Italian and German intelligence services had made a number of trips to India. But the main event occurred on the 22nd of June, 1941. That day Germany attacked the Soviet Union - the circumstances which, according to subsequent confessions of Bhagat Ram, actually compelled him to persistently search for contact with the Russians.

At first with the Chief of Russian agents in Kabul he told that he himself and his party Kisan Kirti, an advocate of communist ideology, were struggling against the British for a free and independent India. He informed that his elder brother, Ramhari Kishan, motivated by hatred towards the British had committed a terrorist act by assassinating the Government General of Punjab. For that he was hanged. His two other brothers - Jamna Rass and Isher Rass were persecuted by the colonial administration for revolutionary activities. However, today, proceeded Bhagat Ram with his story, fascist Germany became the main enemy of India and of the whole

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progressive humanity. The mortal danger impending over the Soviet Union was also the mortal danger for India, since only the Soviet Union was able to help her in gaining independence. And Bhagat Ram offered his services to the Soviets, having informed that he enjoyed full confidence of the Germans and Italians. Thus he became a Soviet agent under the conspiratorial name of Ram.

Following several months Bhagat Ram made a request to the Chief of Soviet agents in Kabul that the Russians should inform the British about his secret services in favour of the USSR. He explained his request by stating that now it was very difficult to conduct underground activities in India and even more difficult to prepare information for the Germans which would look reliable, but at the same time would not cause any damage to the anti-Hitler coalition. The Russian side agreed to the proposal and thus Bhagat Ram became a servant of four bosses - the Italians, the Germans, the Russians and the British. Which of them was he loyal to and who was deceived by him? Undoubtedly, he deceived the Germans and the Italians. But what his game was in the case of the Russians and the British is a very complicated question, and in order to get a reply it is necessary to carry out meticulous research of the documents from intelligence archives of a minimum of five states - Italy, Germany, USSR, Great Britain and India.

However, we are interested not in Bhagat Ram, but in Subhash Chandra Bose. What on earth could take place? All his flaming passion of an Indian patriot, all his vibrant energy of an ardent revolutionary that Bose put into a dangerous, uncompromising fight with British oppressors. That was the main goal of his life. And when the World War started, he sided with Germany, Italy and Japan. He resolutely staked on the military defeat of the British. To see the freedom of his motherland he allied himself with fascists, believing that for the sake of a sacred cause one might make an alliance with the Devil himself, provided the Devil was willing to rout his enemies. From Berlin, the lair of Fascism, he conducted not only propagandistic and ideological war, but also armed struggle against the damned British. He conducted it leaning on Bhagat Ram who was the only agent through whom he was able to effectively and actively guide his supporters in India. And meanwhile his loyal and reliable assistant would handover Bose's messages to those damned British and would send to him in Berlin faked reports alleging that all India would be eager to receive her German and Japanese liberators

with outstretched arms. This means an entire failure of Bose's ambitions, of the titanic efforts by the Netaji and fascist secret services in the fight for India.

Thus Bhagat Ram betrayed Bose, betrayed his cause. Did he? Don't be hasty with conclusions. Staying in Berlin and subsequently - in Singapore and Tokyo, Bose conducted a struggle not against Great Britain. He fought against Germany and Japan.

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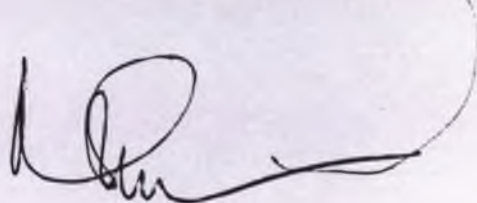
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"ASIA AND AFRICA TODAY"

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"AGAINST WHOM SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE FOUGHT DURING WORLD WAR II"

In January 1954, KGB School N 101 received a new training aid. On the basis of comprehensive and well-documented materials which included secret agents' reports, cipher messages, letters, telegrams, radio intercepts and so on, that professionally compiled analytical survey revealed to a student how on the eve and during World War II the Nazi secret services had acted against the Soviet Union from Afghan territory, how and by what methods our security bodies had managed to neutralise subversive activities, to foil German plans aimed at creating in the Central Asian Republics a broad net of subversive groups, pro-fascist terrorist teams, secret stores of arms, secret addresses, radio stations, underground presses, bases for ideological, financial and technical support to agents of German military intelligence.

Along with this the survey, which served as a textbook for many a Soviet professional secret agent, tells about the vast plans for a German invasion of India and how the Germans tried to use Indian citizens, specifically Subhash Chandra Bose and Bhagat Ram, for those purposes.

The first chapter of this unusual textbook which reads as a thriller is titled "Advent of Indian politician Bose in Afghanistan and his transfer by German intelligence to Berlin". It briefly tells about the events already known to the reader from the previous issue of our magazine. The last sentence of that small chapter (it contains only 4 typed pages) is noteworthy :

"These are the outward circumstances of Bose's "disappearance" from India and his "unexpected" siding with fascist Germany". The words which I have marked in this quotation are placed in inverted commas by the author of the analytical survey. For the KGB, there was nothing mysterious and unexpected in Bose's disappearance from India. The thing is that the KGB knew very well who Bose was and why he found himself in Berlin.

KEY FIGURE - BHAGAT RAM

Perusing the documents from the KGB archives placed by the Russian Intelligence Service at the editors' disposal enables to draw an unexpected but, in my opinion, quite a well-grounded conclusion. Subhash

Chandra Bose collaborated with the British Intelligence Service. When and on what terms this started is a matter yet to be investigated. But his operating in contact with the British on the eve and during World War II is directly or indirectly confirmed by facts.

Let's start with indirect evidence. Could Subhash Chandra Bose escape on his own, without any outside aid at the very end of 1940? Probably, he could. He had enough followers in India to rely on their help. But subsequently in the wartime situation he traversed half the country, managed to get across the zone of Pushtun tribes, without a problem crossed the Indo-Afghan border and for nearly three months remained underground in Kabul, which at that time was full of British spies.

True, in all this he was receiving a lot of help from Bhagat Ram, a man who travelled all over India and had wide links in different strata of society. But it is exactly in connection with Bhagat Ram that the most serious suspicions arise as to how and why Bose found himself in Berlin. Bhagat Ram was among the most secret agents of the British Intelligence Service and he joined it not in spring of 1942, when he requested Russian intelligence to inform the British about him, but much earlier. The "legend" he presented to our intelligence officers at his recruiting sounded quite convincing. But its anti-British element seemed excessive. I would recall that one of Ram's brother was hung by colonial authorities and two other were severely prosecuted. He literally made a show of his deep hatred for the British. And such a man himself suggested cooperation with his enemies. He apparently was not embarrassed that by doing so he betrayed his friend and associate Subhash Chandra Bose and doomed to failure the course which both of them had devoted themselves to, the cause which was entrusted to them by their parties Forward Bloc and Kirti Kisan - to establish cooperation with fascist Germany in order to bring closer a British military defeat.

Thus, can one presume that they were concerned with something entirely different? Could they have

(or were given) some other task? Could they have not acted against the British, but jointly with them? If so, many points became clear. It is clear why Bose managed to escape so easily. It is clear why Bose and Ram managed to get to Kabul without a problem. At last it becomes clear why British colonial authorities kept silent for so long regarding Bose's escape. God forbid some ardent policeman or border guard would identify him and the whole plan would consequently be frustrated.

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BOSE'S "CONTRIBUTION" TO ANTI-BRITISH STRUGGLE

The above mentioned plan was very circumspect and very bold. Of course, I don't have this plan in my hands. But I believe its essence to be as follows. In the person of Bose, an influential Indian politician who enjoyed tremendous authority in his motherland, whose sharp anti British statements were widely known, the British introduced into the very heart of fascist Germany their man with a very reliable and convincing "legend". Through him they rapidly came to know about strategic and tactical German plans regarding India and the whole East, about military operations which were underway, about subversive activities and in general about the military and political conduct of the enemy. With his help (and with Bhagat Ram's active participation) they succeeded in neutralising persistent German attempts to create "a fifth column" in India ⁴ a wide network of secret and sabotage agents, to prepare a material and technical base for invading the sub continent from land and sea.

Indeed, let us consider what practical help was given by Bose to his fascist patrons, what concretely he contributed to that severe and uncompromising struggle which was so fiercely and with great losses conducted by Nazi Germany against Great Britain (of course, those losses are incomparable with the catastrophic ones suffered by Hitler at the eastern front in the war with Russia, but they were also seriously shattered the military and political foundations of the "Third Reich").

True, Bose set up in Berlin his organisation "Free India" on behalf of which he conducted anti-British radio propaganda. But who in India was able to hear programmes of the radio station whose transmitters were

located in Berlin? Bose would inquire from Bhagat Ram about the effectiveness of this work. The latter, having visited India on the instructions of German agents, would merrily report to his boss that the whole of India was sitting near radio receivers. We already know the real value of such reports. True, the Germans were happy with Bose's vigorous activities to develop an underground for espionage and sabotage in India, with his circumspect and careful preparing of a general revolt against the British. But all this was nothing but an "optical illusion", an illusion adroitly created by Soviet and British secret services.

True, Bose was knocking together an "Azad Hind Fauj" from Indian soldiers who had fought on the side of

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the allies and had been taken prisoners in Africa, Malaya and Burma. But that was a sham army, serving as an exotic decoration for the Netaji, and by no means a serious force.

True, Bose regularly sent from Berlin instructions and directives to his Indian supporters on executing concrete anti-British operations. But those instructions, with the help of radio interception, were received by the Allies who owing to the same Bhagat Ram had the German ciphers and took appropriate measures.

True, Bose passed on to his German friends comprehensive reports on the military and political situation in India. But as we know, this was skilfully prepared misinformation.

In such a case, what are the practical results of Netaji's anti-British operation during the Second World War? They equal almost to nil. A. Vinogradov in his article published in "Echo of the Planet" magazine and based on Indian sources also confirms this thought. "In fact, one cannot seriously talk about any military role of "Azad Hind Fauj" (of course, neither Indian sources, nor Vinogradov regard it as conceivable that Bose cooperated with the British)

Could it be that Bose did not know anything about all this? Could he be unaware of an artfully designed net of lies and fraud which those cunning British jointly with Russians wound round him? Could it be that he didn't dare to think about Bhagat Ram's treason as a result of which his "selfless struggle" with Great Britain resembled a fight with a shadow? But he had sufficient opportunities to cross-check Bhagat Ram's messages and reports. He did have a great number of reliable communication channels with them bypassing Kabul. As far as I know he did not do that. Why?

When in spring 1943 Bose shifted to Japan there too he was more engaged in what we term window-dressing. His Army "an object of his pride - "Azad Hind Fauj" often marched barefoot, let alone with arms. But Netaji, having announced himself Head of State and Prime Minister of "Free India", as well as Defence Minister and Foreign Minister surrounded himself with an exorbitant suite, adjutants and servants.

I am by no means being ironical. If I correctly understand this great man, Subhash Chandra Bose had to put on the mask of an Oriental Padishah in order to make himself look important and significant in the eyes of his new bosses, the Japanese, if not by concrete activities in the struggle against the British.

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That was required to make the Japanese, as the Germans, trust him and share their plans with him.

In early 1944 the Japanese and Bose's troops embarked upon an obviously venturesome march to the North-East of India . Their goal was to seize cities of Imphal. But the British shattered the attackers. And when General Kawabe, following Prime Minister Todzio's instructions, [redacted] , appearing to be utterly desperate he proposed to engage in combat.., no, not his personal "guards" consisting of 500 crack "kamikazes", but a female regiment, which provided laundry services for his soldiers.

And how should one understand the following instruction, transmitted by Bose to his followers (radio intercept of 29 January 1944) : "Our teams in India must keep in mind that revolution in India should not start till we ("Azad Hind Fauj" and Japanese units - V.T.) have forced a crossing over the Brahmaputra and march to Calcutta". Didn't Bose understand that the attack at Imphal were it to be supported by an anti-British revolt in the rear, would have much more chance of success? Did he want that success and did he believe (and want !) that his "Azad Hind Fauj" , supported by Japanese bayonets, reach the banks of the great Indian river Brahmaputra?

"TOM " SECURES BOSE'S COMMUNICATION WITH LONDON

Yes, I understand that all this is indirect evidence liable to different interpretations. Though taken together and set in a logical chain, they seem to me to speak in favour of my version, especially that self-evident fact that Bose's friend and associate Bhagat Ram was a professional British secret agent.

However, there are more weighty arguments. I have in front of me a report by a Soviet agent in Great Britain on the conference of the Secret Intelligence Service staffers which was held on the 12th of March, 1943 in Oxford. It, inter-alia, informs that "at present Bose is on a German submarine en route to Japan". Indeed, as early as in 1942 the German Foreign Minister Ribbentrop agreed with the Japanese that Bose would be taken across to South East Asia. That became known from German archives after the war. The operation was executed in strict secrecy. Somehow in the region of South Africa, Bose at great risk to himself, was transferred from the German submarine to a Japanese one. Even the captains of the two submarines did not know the

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name of the mysterious passenger. How come that the British learnt about that in detail and so rapidly: the conference was taking place when Bose was travelling on the German submarine.

Could Bhagat Ram have informed them? Undoubtedly - no. It was beyond his range. And even if he had learnt something he would have immediately informed the Soviet intelligence, since that was envisaged by the procedure established in Kabul.

How then did top secret information fall into the hands of the British? There are solid grounds to suggest that they were handed over by Bose himself.

Here is another document, which is so important that I am providing a full translation.

"Top Secret"

"Zaman"

6 July 1944

Details of "Rom's"

Stay in Kabul from 1 - 24 May 1944

'Rom' arrived in Kabul on 1st May and appeared

before the control check on the same day and had a meeting with him in the evening. To the question why he came late, 'Rom' answered that he took off from Delhi on 13 April and should have arrived in Kabul not later than 22 April, but was held up in a tribal territory because of the ailment of "Sang", and was forced to leave him behind there and then had to take Guliyam-ur-Rehman, a Communist working there on a mission of the Communist Party of India.

Guliyam-ur-Rehman had never been to Afghanistan earlier. Later 'Rom' handed over the copy of misinformation which was compiled by the British and was meant for the Germans. Also enclosed was a legend on a paper compiled also by the British as a guide with the help of which 'Rom' was to inform the Japanese about the fate of the nine agents sent to India. Besides, 'Rom' handed over to me his brother's photograph, about whom he had mentioned during the last visit and whom he also wanted to use to keep contact with us through the Germans and the Japanese.

I asked 'Rom', what was the reason for his long absence. 'Rom' explained that he was very much needed in India and only after the British established radio link with 'Tom' (Berlin) and 'Oliver' (Kabul) they and 'Rom' decided that there was no special necessity for a visit to Kabul. However, two months ago, Moscow

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requested that 'Rom' be sent to Kabul, for which the Head of the British Intelligence Jenkin, replied that 'Rom' was very much required for conducting a number of operations against the Japanese. After that Moscow requested to specify these operations. Then Jenkin decided to send "Rom" to Kabul more so since the British wanted to unravel the strange behaviour of "Tom" and "Oliver" who displayed strange indifference towards their work and did not issue instructions or give answers to queries.

Then according to "Rom", Jenkin developed suspicion as to whether the Germans could guess the nature of 'Rom's' work or not. This suspicion was further reinforced by the Japanese having sent their agent to India in submarines, without any prior warning through 'Rom' and despite the fact that during the last year in December the British informed 'Tom' the addresses, to be conveyed to Bose. Concerning this business i.e. sending of Japanese agents, 'Rom' was assigned to explain to the Germans and the Japanese that he was informed about it through his own people ('Rom' should be instructed with the afore mentioned legend compiled by the British and the copy of which he handed over to us and which is enclosed)".

First of all - a few clarifications. "Zaman" - the Soviet spy Mikhail Alexandrovich Alakhverdov, who worked with Bhagat Ram, mentioned in the reports as "Rom".

Jenkin represented Secret Intelligence Service in Kabul. He maintained during the war, working contacts with our special agencies.

And now once again read carefully the report by "Zaman". From this report it is clearly understood that the British sent their wireless operator to Berlin under the code name "Tom" who provided them with an operative and independent radio link to Bose. Taking all factors into account, it is precisely through "Tom", that Bose could inform London about his departure in a submarine for Japan.

The Secret of Bose is Preserved in the British Archives

If my version that Subhash Chandra Bose had cooperated neither with the Germans nor with the Japanese during the Second World War but with the British proves to be correct then what does it all mean?

First of all it means a great success for the British Secret Service which got very important information through Bose about its opponent and with his help they could neutralise the dangerous plans of the

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German fascists and Japanese military relating to India.

Regarding Bose himself, the facts which emerge (if of course they are reliable facts: and how can't we have room for suspicion in such an archivally complicated affairs in which the special agencies of the greatest international super powers were involved?) force us to review this legendary personality. To my mind they supplement his mystic image of halo of martyrdom and heroism. But was it in fact easy for him who devoted all his life to the struggle against the British colonialism, to cooperate with the British? At the same turbulent time he apparently realised that fascism had become the major enemy of the entire humanity, including his beloved India.

Of course, it would have been the greatest agent. If he had gone for cooperation with the colonisers it would have been only due to ideological convictions, in the name of achieving the highest humanitarian task of saving humanity from the brown plague.

However, am I too hasty in my conclusions? Because it is still necessary to confirm the revealing circumstances once again about the mysterious period of life of Subhash Chandra Bose and strengthen it with new facts, documents and investigations.

Much, much more still remains unclear. The main secret and all details, but very important details, are kept from the public in the British Archives. Though it is important to say frankly that London does not have a monopoly in terms of being a repository of secrets about Bose. In those materials received by our Editorial Board, particularly the KGB training aid, only little has been reflected about Bose. I think we can find a lot of interesting material if we dig well into the archives of this agency. "Great Britain never had any secrets which were not known to Russians, so effective was the spying by their agents in our country" says John Costello, an English historian who is engaged in the active study of archive materials which expose the secrets of special agencies, thanks to the new policy of Glasnost in Russia.

Costello is right. In Britain at the heart of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Secret Intelligence Service, there was a brilliant team of five Soviet agents called the "Cambridge Group". Kim Philby, Donald McLean, Guy Burgess, Antony Blunt. At least since the mid 30s, this team supplied very valuable secret information to Moscow. Recently it has become known

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that in parallel with this "team of five" was another important "Oxford Group" headed by a graduate of Eton College, known as Scot, whose identity has not yet been established, which also worked for the Soviets. I think the report on the meeting of SIS which was held on 12 March 1943 in Oxford, which I quoted above, was received in Moscow through this group.

As we see, the information of the KGB about who and why organised Bose's mission to Berlin, later to Tokyo, is that the Indian public is right to demand from London the publication of the secretly kept archival material, which may re-establish the whole truth about Subhash Chandra Bose. It is important to disperse legends and mysticism linked with this name. And there is a lot of

_____ some and in their gatherings they pray to his spirit for strengthening their will power. This was recently reported on Russian television.

Subhash Chandra Bose - is he an idol of fascists ? But this is nonsense. A person with high human ideals could not have failed to observe what fascism means in practice. Yes, he approved of the order and discipline which reigned in Germany. However he approved only of order and discipline, without which not a single human community can function normally but never approved fascist methods of implementation. Violence against individuals as well as racism preached by the fascists, and their hatred of humanity were strongly alien to that man with strong democratic convictions along the lines of Vivekananda's teachings and paternal traditions of Hinduism, high moral ideals of socialists - Utopists. If he had recognised violent methods as justified then it was exclusively in the struggle against colonialism,

The Archives, currently preserved in Britain, should give a reply about what Bose had done in Berlin and Tokyo, whether he made friendship with the fascists or led a secret but heroic war against them.

In that case, we can put a stop and close the history of his mysterious death. However, A. Raikov has portrayed an exhaustive and convincing picture about the circumstances in which this outstanding political leader of India passed away in issue No. 8 of our magazine.

I just add to what the Professor had written. Subhash Chandra Bose appealed to the Soviet Embassy in Japan for support. Here follows his letter (with English translation) as preserved in KGB archives.

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'ARZI HUKUMATE AZAD HIND
(INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF FREE INDIA)

Imperial Hotel, Tokyo
Monday, 20 November 1944

To

His Excellency,
Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo

Your Excellency,

Being in Tokyo, I would very much want to call on Your Excellency. Having this in mind, I set as my objective my objective to seek the support of the Soviet Government, through Your Excellency, in India's struggle for its independence.

2. The fact that we are closely linked with the Axis Powers in the common struggle against Anglo-Americans does not stop me. I am happy to state that the Axis Powers have a clear view about the peculiarities of the problems of India and that they have kindly granted formal recognition to the Interim Government of Azad Hind (Free India), for which we are grateful. Besides Japan, whose relations with the Soviet Government are of a strictly neutral character, even the German Government has fully understood our stand and fully appreciated the fact that we, Indians, are interested only in actions against Britain and America. The German Government also understood and appreciated the fact that we are not interested in actions against Soviet Russia. In fact, the activities of my organisation in Europe are exclusively against the British and Americans but not against Soviet Russia. This was the basis for our cooperation with the Axis Powers in Europe and in this connection we have complete understanding and approval from the German Government and the Fascist Italian Government.

3. I am aware of the fact that there exists at present a union between the Soviet Government and the Government of Britain and USA. However, I have a fair knowledge about international politics to understand that this union cannot restrict the Soviet Government in extending support to our struggle for independence. I recall, with great pleasure, the help extended to me by the Soviet Government when I left India in 1941. I conveyed my profound gratitude to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Molotov in a letter sent from Berlin, which I hope, would have been duly received by His Excellency.

I am also inspired by the fact that Lenin had

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their independence. As far as I am aware even after the demise of Lenin, the Soviet Government has not altered its policy towards the problems of the colonial countries, including India

5. Regarding my Party - Forward Bloc- I can say that at a time, when Soviet foreign policy in Europe was deplored by all parties in India during 1939-40, we were the ones, who publicly supported the Soviet foreign policy towards Germany and Finland. Moreover, we consist of the Left Wing of the national movement in India and stick to the most progressive views on socio-economic problems. Besides, on date our party is the only party in India, which leads an uncompromising struggle against British Imperialism, in cooperation with a few other revolutionary groups.

6. I would very much like to call on Your Excellency and seek the Soviet Government's assistance through Your Excellency for our struggle for independence. As regards the nature of help which the Soviet Government may like to render us this should be decided by the Soviet Government in connection with the prevailing war situation. I would only like to add that we are fully determined to make India completely free and the Governments which have recognised the Interim Government of Free India unconditionally agree with us on this issue.

Let me assure, Your Excellency, of my highest consideration and I await your early reply.

With regards,

Subhash Chandra Bose

There is a covering note to this letter from the Commissar in the State Security Department A. Langfang which was addressed to the head of the 5th Department of NKVD, Col. A. Otroschenko

" I am directing a copy of a letter (translation) from Bose, which was sent by him to the Ambassador of USSR in Japan, Mr. Y. Malik on 3rd January 1945".

Bose's appeal to the USSR Embassy remained ineffective. Why? Apparently because the Soviet security agencies, having been informed that Bose was secretly cooperating with British Secret Services, did not want to complicate relations with their allies in the anti-Hitler coalition. May be, they had different friendship of the CPSU with the Communist Party of India.

Finally, one more document available from the archives of KGB :

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"CERTIFICATE"

After the Japanese capitulation in the first half of September 1945, TASS quoting British sources informed from Tokyo that Subhash Chandra Bose, staying in Japan, died.

Deputy Head of IIIrd section of the Vth dept.
1st Directorate of NKVD of USSR
Lt. Col. Nabatnikov
25.12.1945

For KGB, Bose's case was closed.

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R.S. KALHA,
JOINT SECRETARY (OP)

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI-110011

Oct. 24th, 1994

My dear

Shri Phunsog

परम गुप्त शाखा
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Diary No. 208/94
दिनांक: 24/10/94
Date: 24/10/94

Ref. our telephonic conversation today.

2. Please find enclosed copy of a letter from our Ambassador in Tokyo, along with its enclosures.

Yours sincerely,

Best wishes,

(R.S. Kalha)

Mr. C. Phunsog,
Joint Secy (IS-1),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi.

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R.L. Narayan
Joint Secretary (EE)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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No. S-2684/JS(EE)/94

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24 March, 1994

Dear Mr. Secretary,

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Your DO No. I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III) of 18 March, 1994 regarding articles published in the Russian magazine 'Asia and Africa Today' on the subject of Netaji.

We have spoken to the Russian Embassy number 2 and put across our views in the matter. The note recorded by me is enclosed. This makes it clear that the Russian Government is not aware of any facts which substantiate the allegations made in the magazine.

Our Embassy in Moscow has earlier taken up this matter both with the author himself as well as with the Foreign Office. The latter's response has been that the Russian press is free and not amenable to government control.

On the other hand, in MEA's view one need not overreact to the publication of such allegations. The last instalment of the three part article has been published in November 1993 and as far as we are aware, there has been no publicity either in Russia or India. Tourajev has told our Embassy that he has no plans to write any further articles unless new archival material becomes available to him from KGB archives. Another professor, Riakov, is planning to write an article on the Japanese military advance towards Kohima during the World War II and Netaji's role in those events. We have, however, been told that this article will be purely of a historical nature and will not contain any controversial elements whatsoever.

While 'Asia and Africa Today' was substantially subsidised in the Soviet era, it has now fallen on financially hard times. Its circulation is just a few thousands and is largely confined to academic institutes. In view of this, I think we can let this matter rest for the present.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

R.L. Narayan
(R.L. Narayan)

Dr V.K. Jain
Special Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs
New Delhi.

No. S-2684/JS(EF)/94
Ministry of External Affairs
(Europe East Division)

Reference Special Secretary MHA Shri VK Jain's letter to FS regarding articles on Netaji published in 'Asia and Africa Today'.

2. I took up the matter with the Russian number 2 Granovski this morning pointing out that the allegations that Netaji was working for British Intelligence was entirely a surmise of the author Tourajev and was admitted as such by him in the article. I pointed out that Netaji is revered by the Indian people and that such unsubstantiated allegations have the potential of damaging Indo-Russian relations should they be published.

3. Granovski said that although the press in Russia was free, he would bring our views to the attention of the Russian Foreign Office with a recommendation that they do whatever is possible in a discreet manner. I pointed out the need to avoid any further publicity which would only defeat the purpose of my demarche. Granovski entirely agreed with this view.

4. Granovski also confirmed that the Russian Government was not aware of any facts which could substantiate the allegations made in the article.

R.L. Narayan
(R.L. Narayan)
Joint Secretary (EE)
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No. TOK/102/2/92

September 27, 1994

Dear Ranjit,

Kindly refer to your letter No. 3379-
JS(AP)/94 dated September 16, 1994 regarding Netaji's death. F/A

In response to a query by the Embassy to the Gaimusho, the latter sent a letter dated July 24, 1956 informing that the cremation permit in the name of Mr. Okura is believed to be that of Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose. A copy of Gaimusho's letter dated July 24, 1956, as well as a copy of the death certificate of Mr. Ichiro Okura, is enclosed.

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Yours sincerely,

Prakash
(Prakash Shah)

Shri R.S. Kalha
Joint Secretary (AP)
Ministry of External Affairs
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July 24, 1956

Dear Mr. Dar,

With reference to your letter No. F.5(1)NGO-I of May 30th, 1956, and my letter dated June 14th, 1956, I wish to inform you that the following reply has been received from Mr. K. Horiuchi, Ambassador of Japan at Taipei, to our enquiry made on this matter:

1. "Doctor's Report" and "Police Report" as mentioned in Mr. Dar's letter could not be traced at Taipei in spite of all efforts.
2. As to "Cremation Permit" a certified copy of the original document on cremation permit which is held by the Bureau of Health and Hygiene Taipei Municipal Office, could be obtained. The document mentions the name of ICHIRO OKURA as the deceased and that of TANEYOSHI YOSHIMI as the applicant. Since the death of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose was kept strictly confidential at that time, it is believed that this cremation permit on ICHIRO OKURA must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.

Therefore, I wish to enclose herewith the above-mentioned copy of "Cremation Permit" together with its translation in English.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Hisaji Hattori

Chief of 4th Section
Asian Affairs Bureau
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. A.K.Dar,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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Name of Disease	Date of Death Date of Permission Date of Cremation	Place of Burial & Cremation.	Occupation	Sex	Permanent Domicile Present address.	Name of Deceased	Date of Birth	Applicant Address	Name
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Examined and authenticated by
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Sd/- Yasutoru Asahina
Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
(Archives Section).

It is certified that the above statement, abstracted
from the original document on cremation permit,
is correct and true.

July 14, 1956.

Bureau of Health & Hygiene,
Taipei Municipal Office. (Sealed)



R.S. Kalha,
Joint Secretary (AP)

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My dear Shri Phunsog,

Please refer to your letter No. I/12014/27/93/27/93-IS-D.III dated 2nd November, 1994. Shri Ashish Ray had written a letter to the Foreign Secretary on 7th September, 1994 and in his letter he had stated that a report exists in files of the Indian Embassy in Tokyo and Ministry of External Affairs that in 1956, the Japanese Government investigated and confirmed Netaji's death following the crash. We made a reference to our Ambassador on 16th September, 1994 seeking information on whether such a report existed on the files of our Embassy in Tokyo.

2. Our Ambassador responded vide his letter No. TOK/102/2/92 dated 27th September, 1994, a copy of which, along with its enclosure of 24 July, 1956, was forwarded to you vide my letter No. 3902-JS(AP)/94 dated 24 October, 1994. This is all the information that we have from our Embassy in Tokyo on this point raised by Shri Ashish Ray.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R.S. Kalha
(R.S. Kalha)

Shri C. Phunsog,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
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No. 25/4/NGO (Pl.)

19 June 1995

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. F.1/12014/27/93-USD. III dated 31 March, 1995 and subsequent letter of even number dated 6 June, 1995 from Special Secretary, Shri V.K.Jain regarding the remains of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

2. As suggested by you, we have consulted our Ambassador in Tokyo and would like to convey the following information :

i) Present arrangements: The ashes are currently kept in an urn on the right side of the main altar in the Renkoji Temple in the outskirts (but within the city) of Tokyo. The Shrine is looked after by Rev. Yasufumi Mochizuki whose father was the priest of the shrine earlier and had personally brought the ashes from Taipei about fifty years ago. Once a year, on the occasion of Netaji's death anniversary on August 18, a memorial service is held which is attended by close associates of Netaji and representatives of the Embassy. A list of these associates is attached. It would be noticed that the youngest is 55 years old while the oldest is 88 years old.

ii) Security: Like in all Shrines in Japan, there is no security except what is ensured by the reverence and respect shown by the Japanese towards religious places. The door is normally kept closed though there is no guarantee that it is always locked. Nobody has ever felt the need to lock it. The normal practice is that whenever anybody wants to visit the Shrine, the priest is informed and is present during the visit. It might be stressed that the Shrine is not exclusively devoted to the ashes of Netaji and is visited by worshippers who have not necessarily come to pay respect to the ashes.

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Any request from us to strengthen security is not likely to be received kindly as this is a place of worship open to all. Furthermore, any suggestion from us that security should be stepped up could well revive the occasional suggestions from the Japanese that we should take the ashes to India.

iii) Pressure for removal of ashes to India:
Our Ambassador has the impression that such pressure as there is comes chiefly from the associates of Netaji who are growing older and who feel a personal sense of responsibility for the ashes. They feel that after them there might be nobody to pay proper respect to the memory of Netaji. Even within the group, the main pressure is from the older members, especially Mr. Hayashi, Secretary of the "Bose Academy". He is in poor health. The younger members seem to be quite willing to carry on the memorial service although they would all be happy to see Netaji's ashes repatriated to India with due honour and ceremony. Hayashi had said, at the memorial service on 18 August 1994, that that would be the last memorial service "in keeping with Buddhist tradition and practice". It is not clear that there is any rule for discontinuance of the memorial service after fifty years. In any case, the next Memorial Service is due on 18 August 1995 and our Embassy has an impression that other members of the group might continue the practice.

(iv) The Priest : Discussions with the priest, Rev. Mochizuki, show that he is quite happy to carry on the work of looking after the ashes. The presence of the ashes gives his temple some additional importance and some additional income by way of the Yen 600,000 that we donate annually for its upkeep. It might be desirable to increase this contribution, perhaps to Yen one million (Rs. 3,67,782 at this month's official exchange rate). Last year, Rev. Mochizuki told our Embassy that he has absolutely no problem in continuing this work. He also said that his father received the ashes with the blessings of the Governments of Japan and India and that he has no intention of doing anything without the full consultation and approval of these two Governments.

(v) Foreign Office : The Foreign Office has occasionally raised this matter with us and has asked whether, in view of the forthcoming 50th anniversary of Netaji's death and the forthcoming

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centenary of his birth (23rd January, 1997), we propose to take the ashes back to India. This has been more in the nature of an enquiry than a suggestion. But we know that some members of Netaji's family have occasionally contacted the Japanese authorities with various suggestions. Ashis Ray of CNN, who is the son of Netaji's elder brother, had visited Japan about a year ago and had met officials at the Foreign Office. Ms. Anita Pfaff, Netaji's daughter from his German wife, had visited Delhi for discussions with other members of the family and had been in touch with the Japanese Ambassador in Delhi in February 1995. She had also written to some associates of Netaji, including Mr. Hayashi. It is unlikely that the Foreign Office would do anything without consulting us and seeking our concurrence. In fact, they never raised the matter with us till the visit of Ashis Ray.

3. Our Ambassador feels that Netaji's ashes seem to be housed in an adequate manner but, as is traditional in shrines in Japan, there is no security against any deliberate attempt to create problems. If any specific or concrete threat can be pointed out, the Japanese side will provide security, but it cannot be judged without making the request whether a general call to strengthen security will bring compliance. It should be noted that the ashes have been kept for the last fifty years without any problem. While the Japanese will be happier if the ashes were taken to India, there does not seem to be any reason for precipitate action to move the ashes. This assessment by the Embassy is based on oblique, informal and discreet enquiries since direct questioning might create the impression that GOI is planning on some action.

4. As regards contingency plans, these can be drawn up once the type of contingency is known. In case the ashes are removed from the temple but not returned to India, the only location for housing them would be the Embassy. Suitable facilities would then need to be constructed for adequate security as well as for public display of the ashes in a manner consistent with the necessary respect and reverence. In the event of a sudden unforeseeable contingency, it would be possible to lock up the ashes in the Strong Room in the Embassy. In either eventuality, the implication would be formal acceptance by GOI that these

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ashes are indeed of Netaji's. It is not possible to cover contingencies such as natural calamities or social unrest since these are difficult to foresee and provide for.

5. Our Ambassador feels, and we agree, that the most desirable solution might be for a consensus to be reached in India for the ashes to be brought back with full honour and ceremony. Till that becomes possible, the best option may be to continue the status quo as long as possible despite such inadequacies as have been observed over the last fifty years.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Satnam / Haidar
(S . Haidar)

Shri K. Padmanabhaiah,
Home Secretary,
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New Delhi.

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LIST OF MEMBERS OF NETAJI SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE ACADEMY

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 5. Mr. T. Inoue (76) 9-24-2, Syonandai, Fujizawa-shi
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Minato-ku
 7. Mr. S. Okuda (72) 25-21-2, Nishi Azabu, Minato-ku
 8. Mr. H. Ohyashiki (73) 902-11-54-3 Wada Suginami-ku
 9. Mr. Y. Kanatomi (83) 5-54-3 Izumi-machi, Suginami-ku
 10. Ms. C. Tsukamoto (68) " " "
 11. Ms. F. Tadokoro (73) 8-47-1 Arakawa, Arakawa-ku
 12. Mr. T. Kuwabara (78) 12-29-2 Shirayuri Izumu-ku, Yokohama
 13. Mr. T. Negishi (88) 6-8-5 Narita Higashi, Suginami-ku
 14. Mr. C. Fujii (76) 12-9-1 Tsuga Wakafa-ku, Chiba-shi
 15. Mr. K. Maeda (82) 30-1 Higashi Shinmachi, Itawashi-ku
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 17. Mr. T. Shimoda (73) 6-19-5 Inamuragasaki, Kamakura-shi
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 19. Mr. K. Murata (76) 1101-6-11-3 Itobashi-ku
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JOINT SECRETARY(AMS & CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

March 21, 2001

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry which has been set up by the Govt. of India under the Commission of Inquiry Act, to look into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, has sent us the enclosed letter no. JMCI/8/2000/591 dated 01.03.2001 alongwith the affidavit filed by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar. The Commission has requested us to find out the present whereabouts of the persons indicated in the above mentioned affidavit through our Embassy in Russia so that the Commission could examine them accordingly. As per the directions of the PMO and MHA, we are obliged to extend all possible assistance to the Commission.

In view of the above, I shall be grateful if the information desired by the Commission is collected at the earliest possible and sent to us for onward transmission to them.

Yours sincerely,

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(Jayant Prasad)

Enclosures : As above.

Shri S.K.Lambah,
Ambassador,
Embassy of India,
Moscow.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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Calcutta, dated, the 1st March, 2001

From : Shri P.K.Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)
Secretary.

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,,
South Block,
Government of India,
New Delhi - 110001.

S i r,

I am directed to request you to get the present whereabouts for the following persons through our Embassy in Russia and communicate the same, if available, to the Commission as quickly as possible since those persons appear to the Commission to be relevant witnesses.

<u>Sl.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Last known address</u>	<u>Source of address</u>
1)	Mr.Nikhil Chattopadhyay alias Nikhil Dasgupta son of Virendra Nath Chattopadhyay	Leningrad	Dossiers in the Office of the KGB at Moscow and/or St.Petersberg.
2)	Vitali Moroz	--	ASSOCIATED CHEKA (presently known as KGB at Moscow and/or St. Petersberg.) could provide more details about him.
3)	Mr. Chandran	He allegedly fled to Moscow from Kerala since he was an accused in a murder case.	Mr.Nikhil Chattopadhyay alias Nikhil Dasgupta.
4)	Mrs. Tatiana wife of Mr.Nikhil Chattopadhyay alias Nikhil Dasgupta	Leningrad	--

The names of the above-named persons have transpired from the affidavit sworn and filed before the Commission by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar, a copy whereof is enclosed for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Shri. NARENDRANATH SINDKAR, Son of Shri. MARTAND BALWANT SINDKAR, Aged about - 72 Yrs., Residing at - Bldg. No. 8, Flat No. - 238, MHADA Colony, Near Alankar Police Chowky, Hingne, Pune - 411 052, by Occupation - Pensioner, Writer & Journalist, do hereby solemnly verify as follows :

- 1) I am the petitioner of this written statement.
- 2) I swear and affirm this Affidavit.
- 3) I verify that the Statements made in paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 13 of the following petition are true to my knowledge and those in other paragraphs are from information received and believed to be true to me.

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Sworn before me by the deponent who is identified to my satisfaction by Shri. PRASAD TONBE, A Publisher in Pune, that affidavit has been read out in full to the deponent who has signed it after admitting it to the correct on this day of 1st February 2000.

1. I was in Moscow from 10.02.1966 to 14.03.1991. I was selected for the post of Announcer at 'Radio Moscow' by Government of India (A.I.R.) and personnel from the Soviet Embassy, Delhi. During my 26 years of stay in the erstwhile USSR, I came in close contact with a number of Indian Communists (C.P.I.) who were directly recruited by the Soviet Govt. to work as Announcers on Radio Moscow.
2. I was and am a sincere admirer of the Late Veer Savarkar. When Savarkar passed away on February 26, 1966, I was deeply grieved and wanted to pay homage to the memory of this outstanding firebrand freedom fighter.
3. One Sarla Shevade who had secured appointment with Radio Moscow thanks to the influence in her favour from the late Comrade Dange. Mrs. Sarla Shevade pooh poohed my suggestion saying that Savarkar, according to the Soviet Communists, was a reactionary and if I made such a suggestion I would be sent back to India by the next available plane.
4. I was, however, fortunate to get acquainted with Comrade Nikhil Chattopadhyaya, son of the late Virendranath Chattopadhyaya during one of the friendly gathering in MOSCOW.

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5. Nauni Bhowmick, who was working with the Progress Publishing House as translator in the Bengali Section was also very friendly with me.
6. Comrade Chandran who had fled to MOSCOW from Kerala since he was an accused in a murder case was extremely close friend of mine and who discussed frankly the various subjects in Politics which were otherwise not accessible to a common man. All these Communists obliged me whenever I sought their help.
7. Nikhil Chattopadhyaya's father Virendranath Chattopadhyaya who had arrived in the Soviet Union immediately after the Bolshevik Revolution.
8. I am not quite sure if Nikhil Chattopadhyaya was the son of Virendranath Chattopadhyaya borne to him by his American wife Agnes Smedley who had come into close contact with him in the Berlin Group and later married him or his another Russian wife Larisa who had also met him ^{ei} ~~heather~~ in England, Paris or Sweden since he was moving from place to place.
9. Nikhil Chattopadhyaya however became a trusted Comrade of the Soviet Communists. He did not frequently mix with the CPI Members in MOSCOW perhaps due to their internal feuds, but wield very good influence in higher echelons of the Soviet and Indian Communists Leaders. He worked as interpreter for Netaji Subhashchandra Bose when he was on his way to Berlin. One Vitali Moroz also accompanied him, when Subhashchandra met Her Von Schulenberg the German Ambassador in MOSCOW.

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Vitali Moroz later joined CHEKA (The earlier name of KGB) and rose to high office in KGB. Nikhil Chattopadhyaya was also an active member of the International Peace Committee headed by Ramesh Chandra.

10. Nikhil Chattopadhyaya was an admirer of Savarkar like his father, who had met Savarkar several time in London and Paris. Nikhilda, as we called him, cheered my drooping spirits saying that other C.P.I. members were more bookish than pragmatic. He however made an exception to the rule of Radheshyam Dubey another veteran and sincere Communist who enjoyed Nikhilda's favour.

11. When I went to him on 10th March, since I came to know the news about the death of Vir Savarkar on that day. When I narrated the story of my conversation with Sarla Shevade and became emotional Nikhilda cheered me up ironically saying that when some Indian leaders had killed their own colleagues - not physically but morally and / or by character assassination or by wreaking political revenge. During the course of our conversation he accused Nehru of forcing Netaji Subhash Chandra to exile in the Soviet Russia. It was an exile because Netaji feared that he would be declared a war criminal with the connivance of Nehru. On his arrival in the then USSR via Manchuria, Stalin, Molotov Beria and Voroshilov consulted with the Indologists who in their turn advised Stalin to consult Krishna Menon in London through the Soviet Embassy. Krishna Menon categorically asserted in favour of Nehru and urged Stalin not to divulge the information since

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Nehru was about to become the Prime Minister and who would follow a strict pro-Soviet policy. Since, the USSR was left with no allies in Asia except Chiang-Kai Shek with whom the Soviet Govt. had made a treaty in November 15, 1945 to withdraw Soviet troops and handover a territory to China. Although the USSR was in a dilemma they preferred Nehru to Netaji Subhas Chandra in order to avoid confrontation with other allied nations.

12. The statement made by Nikhilda literally shocked me since I had read in newspapers that Netaji died in the air crash as reported by a private media of Japan.
13. I was and am a profound admirer of Netaji and therefore pressed Nikhilda to enlighten me more on the subject.
14. Nikhilda said he would let me know about Netaji step by step through Comrade Chandran. He occassoinally came to MOSCOW since he was living in Leningrad, where he was reportedly born and had married to one Tatiana, a Russian lady, who was closely associated with K.G.B.
15. It was more or less an open secret that the Communist Party card holders in MOSCOW were working more or less as informers to the Soviet Communist Party and Government. Nikhilda, though envied by some of the C.P.I. Members was a trusted Comrade of the Soviet Communist and also the high ranking C.P.I. leaders, since he provided most valuable information to the Soviet authorities through contacts both in India, Germany & U.S.A.

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16. Since Nikhilda was a keen admirer of Netaji, he pressed his wife Tatiana to arrange a meeting Netaji. The meeting took place in the city OMSK on August 16, 1968 and was reported to me by Comrade Chandran, who as mentioned above was giving me information as advised by Nikhilda.
17. Incidentally, Nikhil Chattopadhaya was also known as Nikhil Dasgupta. More details about Nikhil Chattopadhaya or Nikhil Dasgupta and the Soviet K.G.B. Agent Vitali Moroz could be found in the dossiers in the K.G.B. Office at MOSCOW and / or in St. Petersburg.
18. Today I am 72 yrs. old and keeping a frail health since I am a heart patient and I am not sure how many more years there are for me to live. I was therefore urged to pass on whatever information I had to my country in the interest of my motherland. I therefore wrote in 1995 about all these facts in my novelette 'Kaidi' (Prisoner) published in Diwali special number of "Satyagrahi" a Marathi Monthly.

Narendra Sindrkar
(NARENDRA SINDKAR)

BEFORE ME

A.A. Parasnis

Mrs. ANITA PARASNIS
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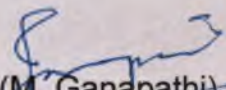
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Most Immediate/ Urgent

No. 1652 /JS(EE)/2001
Ministry of External Affairs
(Europe East Division)

Enclosed is a letter from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry regarding appearance of witnesses before the Commission.

2. As the subject matter of the Commission is being handled by Joint Secretary(CNV), I would suggest that matters relating to deposition before the Commission are kindly taken up by Joint Secretary(CNV)/NGO Section, so that there is continuity of work relating to this aspect.


(M. Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary(EE)
March 15, 2001

Joint Secretary (CNV)

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Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission



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No.TOK/102/3/2001

March 13, 2001

Dear Jayant,

Please refer to your letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 20th February, 2001 regarding the Inquiry Commission set up by Government of India under the Commission of Inquiry Act to look into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2 We have requested our local contacts for updating the list of Netaji's surviving associates and shall send you the updated list as soon as we receive it.

L:lt kind rly.

Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

Shri Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi



D.B. Venkatesh Varma
First Secretary (Pol)

No. Mos/125/1/90

Embassy of India

6-8, Ulitsa Vorontsovo Polye, Moscow

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March 12, 2001

This is with reference to your letter No. 1260/JS(EF)/01 dated February 28, 2001 regarding accessing archival documents in the Russian Federation on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army, on the request of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. We took up the matter with the Russian Foreign Ministry today. Enclosed is the copy of the note verable that was handed over to the Russian Foreign Ministry registering our request. We will keep you informed of its response.

Yours sincerely,

(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)

Shri M. Ganapathi,
Joint Secretary (EE),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi

✓ Copy to:

Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi

With regards,

D.B. Venkatesh Varma
(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)
First Secretary (Pol)



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No. SA/32/01

March 12, 2001

The Embassy of India in Moscow presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and on the direction of the Ministry of External Affairs of India has the honour to seek the assistance of the esteemed Ministry for accessing archival documents in the Russian Federation regarding Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army. Access to these archival documents, if any, are required for the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry concerning Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, which has been established by the Government of India. Enclosed is a list of archives which could possibly contain the required documents. Photocopies and/or micro-films of the relevant documents may kindly be made available.

The Embassy of India in Moscow avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation,
Moscow**

**(Kind Attn.: Mr. M.G. Karpov,
Deputy Director, Third Asia Department)**



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1. State Archive of the Russian Federation ✓
 2. Ministry of External Affairs
 3. Russian State Military Historical Archive ✓
 4. Russian State Library manuscript department ✓
 5. Russian Centre for conservation and study of
Records for modern History
 6. Former NKGB-KGB present FSB archive ✓
 7. President's archive
 8. Stalin's archive
 9. Archives of the Far East of Russian Federation ✓
 10. Archives in Omsk
 11. Military archives of Russian Ministry
of Defence at Paddolsk
 12. All the archives of St. Petersburg remained
totally untouched.
 13. Archives in Irkhutsk
 14. Personal archive of E. Ya. Luisternik
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Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

16th March, 2001.

Further to our conversation in my office today, I would like to advise you that the moment the Commission's dates of travel to London are finalised, these may be conveyed simultaneously to the Deputy High Commissioner, Shri H.S. Puri and to the undersigned for us to be able to make necessary arrangements. We are conveying to the High Commission, meanwhile, that the Commission is likely to visit U.K. ~~not~~ before the next month.

Yours sincerely,

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9C (Jayant Prasad)

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Calcutta-700 087

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C.C. - Shri H. S. Puri, DHC, London

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Jayant Prasad
JS(AMS & CNV)

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

16th March, 2001

Please refer to your letter No.DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/503 dated 6.2.2001 regarding documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Archives of the Russian Union and letter No.JMCI/Overseas/Wintesses/2000-01/70/513 dated 7.2.2001 regarding examination of living Japanese witnesses by the Commission.

2. We have since written to our Missions in Moscow and Tokyo respectively in the matters mentioned above and shall revert to the Commission as soon as a response is received from the Mission concerned. This is for your interim information.

Yours sincerely,

9/c (Jayant Prasad)

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
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11-A, Mirza Ghalib Street,
Calcutta-700087.

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Copy to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Advocate, 'Purnasasi', 33, Asoke Avenue, Calcutta-700040 for information with reference to his letters dated 28.2.2001 and 7.3.2001.

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**MOST IMMEDIATE/
PARLIAMENT QUESTION**

No.25/4/NGO-VI
Ministry of External Affairs
(CNV Division)

New Delhi, the 12th March 2001.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Lok Sabha provisional Starred /Unstarred Question Dy. No. 8318 for 13.3.2001 by Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde regarding "Updating of records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose."

Ministry of Human Resource Development (Deptt. of Education), Parliament Unit may please refer to their O.M.No.H/11017/1/2-K-PU dated 2nd March 2001 on the subject cited above.

The question does not pertain to this Ministry as the material for the supplementary questions on the subject should be available with the Ministry of Home Affairs who are the nodal Ministry for the work related to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji. The Shah Nawaz Khan Committee of Inquiry (1956) and Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry (1972) had earlier addressed the same issue. However, Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, have now appointed Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to look into the alleged disappearance of Netaji afresh. It is the Ministry of Home Affairs, therefore, which would be in a position to field this question.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (Deptt. of Education) may consider to transfer the question to Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with them.

(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Deptt., of Education,
(Shri L.R. Aggarwal, Under Secy.(Parliament)
New Delhi.

Copy to:

1. Ministry of Home Affairs (Smt. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary), New Delhi.
2. Under Secretary (Parliament), MEA, New Delhi.
3. Lok Sabha Sectt.- Question Branch, Room No.321, Parliament House Annexe

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PARLIAMENT UNIT

NEW DELHI, the

2.3.2001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Lok Sabha Prov: Starred/Unstarred Question
Dy.No. 8318 for 13.3.2001 by Shri/Smt.
Sushil Kumar Shinde regarding Updating of records regard
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of Lok/Rajya Sabha Prov. Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No. 8318 due on 13.3.2001 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the subject matter of the question is the concern of the Ministry/Department of Ministry of External Affairs. They are accordingly requested to accept the transfer of the above question and to intimate their acceptance to the Lok/Rajya Sabha Sectt. direct under the intimation to this Ministry (Department of Education).

(L.R. Aggarwal)
UNDER SECRETARY
Tele : 338 4253

To

Shri Nanak Chand

Under Secretary (Parl.)

235, South Block.

New Delhi.

Copy to:-

1. The Parliament Assistant, Deptt./Ministry of External Affairs
2. The Lok/Rajya Sabha Sectt. (Question Branch) Parliament House Annexe, Room No. 321 New Delhi for information.

(L.R. Aggarwal)
UNDER SECRETARY

May kindly see for n. a.

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This note is handled by JS(CNU)/JS(CE)
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NEW DELHI, the 1.3.2001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Lok Sabha Prov. Starred/Unstarred Question
Dy.No. 8318 for 13.3.2001 by Shri/Smt.
Shushil Kumar Shinde regarding Updating of records regarding
Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of Lok/~~Rajya~~ Sabha Prov. Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No. 8318 due on 13.3.2001 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the subject matter of the question is the concern of the Ministry/Department of Culture. They are accordingly requested to accept the transfer of the above question and to intimate their acceptance to the Lok/~~Rajya~~ Sabha Sectt. direct under the intimation to this Ministry (Department of Education).

(L.R. Aggarwal)
UNDER SECRETARY
Tele : 338 4253

To

Shri Lalan Das PRA

Under Secretary

Deptt. of Culture

Shastry Bawan New Delhi.

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(L.R. Aggarwal)
UNDER SECRETARY

This does not concern C.M. Section, D/o Culture.

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*Sh. K. Hazra,
Asst. Secy.
Deptt. of Education*



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Under Secretary/Assistant Director

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PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE,
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D.O. No. 8318/13.3/2001-Q

Dated February 28, 2001

Dear Shri Aggarwal,

Enclosed is a copy of Question Dy. No. 8318
regarding Updating of records regarding Netaji Subhash Chander Bose
given notice of as a Starred Question for answer on 13.3.2001.

In case the Ministry wish to submit any facts and comments about the admissibility of this question, the same may be sent to us immediately ~~but not later than~~ .
The note giving the facts may also indicate the extent of Government of India responsibility involved in the matter.

While furnishing the facts, it may kindly be stated whether these have been shown to the Minister. In the absence of any indication to this effect, it will be assumed that the facts have the approval of the officer who has signed the note.

It may be clarified that the plea of 'secrecy', 'public interest' or 'national security' may be taken only at the Minister's level.

It may also please be specifically stated whether the Ministry have any objection to the information contained therein being conveyed to the Member.

In case facts are not received by 11 a.m. on 2.3.2001, the admissibility of the question will be decided on merits presuming that Ministry have nothing to say in the matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Tel. No. 3034321

Shri L.R. Aggarwal, Under Secretary

Ministry of Human Resource Development

Government of India,
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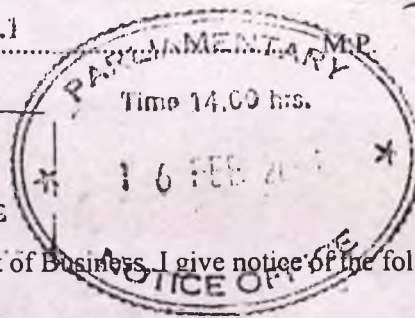
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New Delhi

To

The Secretary-General, PRIORITY OBTAINED
Lok Sabha, New Delhi. IN BALLOT OF
IDENTICAL QUESTIONS

Sir,



Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following Starred Question for answer on 13-3-2001.

Yours faithfully,

Updating of records
re regarding Netaji
Subhash Chandra
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Member
Division No.

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Order of preference

*Will the Minister of be pleased to state:

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Human Resource Development

whether Govt.'s attention was drawn to a statement of a Japanese doctor Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi, Captain (Medical) of Japanese Army, as reported in the Statesman of Jan.29, 2001, to the effect that he attended on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on air crash victim on Aug. 18, 1945 and that he died of extensive burns and shock despite best treatment and medical aid;

b. if so, whether Govt. have updated its records accordingly?



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Commission of Inquiry For Inquiry Into The
Alleged Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra
Bose.

To
Shri P.K. Sengupta,
W.B.H.J.S. (Rtd.),
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
11A, Mirja Ghalib Street,
Calcutta - 700 087

March, 6, 2001.

Dear Sir,

Re. : Supply of records by the Government of India
to the Hon'ble Commission.

With your pleasure may I record that save and except
the files under the claim of privilege, the records you need have
been delivered, and, some other records, as declassified have been
referred to you to ascertain your need (vide the last Affidavit
dated 26th February, 2001 by Ms Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs, IS-1, Government of India). However,
I may further request your gracious pleasure in letting us know of
the records as available, of the Government of India you need and
as available remaining undelivered for appraisal of the matter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Tarakeswar Pal

(Tarakeswar Pal)
Advocate

Senior Standing Counsel

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Copy to : (By Regd. Post with A/D)

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2. Ms. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary, IS-1, Ministry of
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110 011,
- ✓ 3. Mr. Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (C.N.V.), Ministry of
External Affairs, Government of India, South Block,
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4. Mr. Falguni Rajkumar, Joint Secretary (Trg) & CAO, Ministry
of Defence, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi - 110011,
5. Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General, National Archives,
Government of India, Janapath, New Delhi - 110 001,

- for information and appraisal of the matter.

Tarakeswar Pal

(Tarakeswar Pal)
Advocate
Senior Standing Counsel.



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Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

To

March, 7, 2001

Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (C.N.V.),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110011.

Dear Sir,

Re. : Proceeding before the Hon'ble Justice
Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry :

-And-

Records of Shah Nawaj Committee;

-And-

Inspection of Document in Archives in
the erst while U.S.S.R.

You are aware that we could not submit some part of records
of Shah Nawaj Committee, for which you are in search. Be it mentioned
that the records as needed by the Hon'ble Commission have been able
to be provided except ~~and~~ said remaining part of records of Shah
Nawaj Committee. Kindly let me know of the matter, as now it is,
for appraisal.

2. Would you also let me know of the result of our Govt.'s
pursuation for inspection and taking copies of records on Netaji as
lying in different Archives in the erstwhile USSR as per the statements
made by Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy, the Witness No. 10 before the Hon'ble
Commission.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Tarakeswar Pal
(Tarakeswar Pal)
Advocate

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BY SPEED POST**

Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

8th March, 2001.

Please refer to your letter dated January 31, 2001 regarding the proposed visit to U.K. of the Commission to study the declassified records pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the British Library.

2. On receipt of the Commission's letter under reference, we had written to the High Commission of India, London for making necessary arrangements required by the Commission. The High Commission of India has since replied vide their letter dated February 27, 2001 (copy enclosed) which is self-explanatory.
3. You are requested to confirm the dates of travel to enable us to inform the High Commission accordingly. Further, should the Commission wish to examine any witness or any specialist in U.K., it is requested that the Commission may send them messages directly or route them through High Commission of India, London ensuring that the High Commission has sufficient time for contacting them and ensuring their co-operation as has been mentioned in DHC's letter.

Yours sincerely,


(Jayant Prasad)

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Calcutta-700 087

CC. Shri Hardip S. Puri
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H.S. Puri
Deputy High Commissioner

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27th February, 2001

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Dear Jayant,

Kindly refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated February 13, 2001 regarding the proposed visit to the UK by the Chairman and Secretary of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to study declassified records pertaining to the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. We have spoken to the British Library. Mr. Graham Shaw, the Head of the Oriental and India Office Collections, has indicated that Readers passes would be made available to the members of the delegation through which they would be able to use the reading room at the British Library. It is good that the delegation plans to arrive here at the end of April as we have been told by reliable sources that there is a possibility of an industrial action at the British Library towards the end of March.

3. As regards secretarial assistance and office equipment, there would be no difficulty in making these available to the members of the delegation.

4. Your letter mentions that the Commission would be examining some witnesses such as Lord Archer and Lord Rifkind. I presume that the Commission is contacting them directly for meetings. In case any assistance is required from us, I would appreciate receiving sufficient advance notice.

Warm regards,
Yours sincerely,

H.S. Puri
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Shri Jayant Prasad,
JS(AMS & CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
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FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56/531

Calcutta, dated the 22nd February 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India,
North Block
New Delhi 110 001

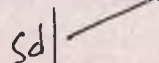
Sir,

I am directed to refer to your Ministry's letter No. II/21022/5/(118)/2000-FCRA dated 13/15th February 2001, which appears to be in reply to the Commission's letter dated January 31, 2001, as referred to therein and to state that the said reply of your Ministry appears to be misconceived.

I am further directed to state that in the aforesaid letter of the Commission dated January 31, 2001, there was no request for according permission to Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy for acceptance of foreign hospitality. It was on the subject of the proposed visit of the Commission to London to study certain files in the British Library and examine certain persons including Mr. Hugh Teye whose names transpire as valuable witnesses from the affidavit and oral testimony of Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly take necessary action as requested in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated January 31, 2001.

Yours faithfully,

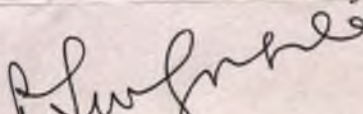
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Secretary

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Calcutta, dated the 22nd February 2001

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi 110 001 for information and necessary action as requested in the Commission's letter dated January 31, 2001 referred to above.


(P. K. Sengupta)
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February 28, 2001.

To
Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (C.N.V.),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi- 110 001.

Dear Sir,

Re: Proceeding before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry on Netaji ;

- And -

My letter dated 7th February, 2001.

Hope, it finds you well.

May I have your pleasure in letting me know of the contents
and result of our Govt's request to the Russian Govt. as to records
in Russia on Netaji. There are several specific evidences before the
Hon'ble Commission in this regard. The informations I required for
appraisal of the matter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Tarakeswar Pal

Advocate.

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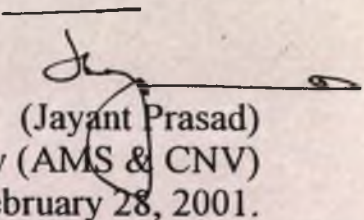
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Ministry of External Affairs
(NGO Section)

Subject: Lok Sabha – Motion on Address by the President moved
by Shri Ramdas Athawale, MP (LS).

Our comments on the Motion are placed below in the prescribed
format.


(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)
February 28, 2001.

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No.25/4/NGO-Vol.V
Ministry of External Affairs
(CNV Division)

Subject: Address by the President to the Joint Session of Parliament on February 19, 2001 and discussion on the Motion of Thanks in Lok Sabha.

- (i) Name of the Member : Shri Ramdas Athawale
- (ii) Party affiliation : Independent
- (iii) Name of the House : Lok Sabha
- (iv) Sl.No. of the Notice of Amendment : 401
- (v) Point made by the Hon'ble Member : " but regret that there is no mention in the Address about bringing back the mortal remains of Netaji from Japan. "
- (vi) Government's stand : The main obstacle in bringing back the mortal remains of Netaji has been the lack of consensus in India in regard to whether the mortal remains are actually those of Netaji. Government may consider bringing back the mortal remains of Netaji subject to there being a national consensus in India in this regard. Members might be aware that, meanwhile, Government has appointed the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to look into the alleged disappearance of Netaji.

Ministry of External Affairs
(Parliament Section)

No.AA/125/Parl/2/2001

February 27, 2001

Extract from the Lok Sabha – Notice of Amendments:-

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MOTION ON ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

Notice of Amendments

Name of the Member (Party Affiliation)	Sl.No.	Text of Amendment
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Shri Ramdas Athawale 401
(Independent)

That at the *end* of the motion, the following be
added, namely :-

“but regret that there is no mention in the Address
about bringing back the mortal remains of Netaji
from Japan.”

2. Head(s) of Division(s) concerned is/are requested to send to US (Parliament) 16 copies of the brief on this/these Notice(s) of Amendments ***latest by 1700 hours tomorrow, the 28th February, 2001***. In the brief, name of the member, party affiliation, serial number of the Notice of Amendment and subject of the amendment(s) may please be clearly incorporated as per format ***enclosed***.

Encl: As above.

Head of Division concerned. – JS(EA).

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Subject: Address by the President to the Joint Session of Parliament on February 19, 2001 and discussion on the Motion of Thanks in Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha.

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(ii) Party affiliation :

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No. 1260/JS (EE)/01

February 28, 2001

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose has sought MEA's assistance for accessing archival documents in the Russian Federation. A copy of the letter received from the Commission along with its enclosure is enclosed.

2. I shall be grateful if you could urgently look into the subject for appropriate action at your end and keep us informed of the results of your inquiry so that the Ministry could inform the Justice Muherjee Commission accordingly. A copy of your reply may also be endorsed to Joint Secretary(CNV).

Yours sincerely

(M. Ganapathi)

Encl: A/a

Shri N. Ravi,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India,
Moscow.

Copy without enclosure for information to Joint Secretary(CNV),
MEA.

(M. Ganapathi)

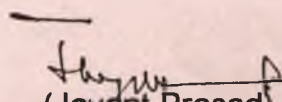
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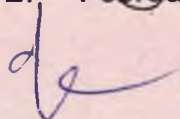
**Ministry of External Affairs
(CNV Division)**

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has sought the Ministry's assistance for accessing archival documents concerning Netaji which may be available in the archives of Russia and other CIS states. A self explanatory letter from the Commission in this regard is enclosed.

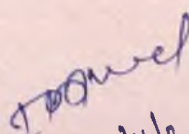
JS(EF) may kindly like to see for appropriate action. We may be informed about the outcome of our efforts in this regard so that the Commission could be informed accordingly.


(Jayant Prasad)

Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)
27th February, 2001.



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'Controversy over Netaji death irrelevant'

By Our Staff Reporter

CHENNAI, FEB. 20. The controversy over the death of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose was termed as irrelevant by Dr. Lakshmi Seghal, a prominent member of the Indian National Army (INA), and Prof. Anita Bose-Pfaff, Netaji's daughter. Addressing presspersons here today, Dr. Seghal and Prof. Bose-Pfaff said it was surprising that the issue cropped up again and again. "The controversy detracts attention from the essential point — the life and ideals of Netaji, who sacrificed himself for the country and contributed to the nation's development."

Dr. Seghal said, "The issue is being raised by those who have no genuine interest over the matter. Unnecessarily, money is spent on enquiry commissions."

Pointing out that a sizable chunk of INA members hailed from Tamil Nadu, she said the people of the State should send out the message that they were not interested in keeping the controversy alive.

"What is more important is that Netaji wanted his country to be free of differences on the basis of caste, creed and religion."

Asked whether she nursed the feeling that Netaji had not been given due importance, Prof. Bose-Pfaff said he was still adored and respected by the people but at the official level, he had probably not been given the prominence that a man of his eminence deserved.

INA members were not enrolled in the Army and many of them died of poverty.

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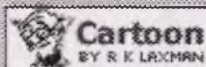
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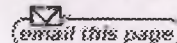
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Files take over 6 months to reach Netaji Commission

By Sunando Sarkar

The Times of India News Service

CALCUTTA: How long does it take official files and documents to travel from Delhi to Calcutta or from Calcutta to Calcutta? Well, if the files concern a probe into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the minimum time taken may be six months and one week. And the maximum may stretch to ... infinity.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, now trying to unravel the mystery behind Netaji's "disappearance", finds it rather "unfortunate" that that all the files and documents it asked for on March 23 this year are yet to reach its office at a not-too-obscure address in Calcutta.

The Commission, in its latest order, has been forced by the "recalcitrant" officials -- of "both" the Central and the state governments -- to remind them of its powers under the Commission of Inquiry Act.

But the Commission seems to be more miffed about the Centre's attitude. Not a single official or counsel of the Union government was present at the last hearing of the Commission on September 28, leading the Commission to wonder that the Centre did not "intend" to examine any witness.

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The Centre also seems to have run out of joint secretaries to file affidavits. The Commission, on August 31, had ordered that officials of at least the rank of joint secretary must sign affidavits along with the information supplied. The Prime Minister's Office, however, has made do with an official of the rank of under secretary, forcing the Commission not take any cognizance of the affidavits at all.

It also seems that the Centre does not have enough officials to spare to attend the Commission's hearings; that was what happened at the last hearing, the Commission's order observes. Even the presence of some papers about the Khosla Commission, which the Union home ministry itself had sent, was not enough reason seeking an official's presence during the hearing when the papers were to be examined. //

The Commission has scheduled its next hearing for November 23. That would be exactly eight months from the date when it had first sought some of the documents which haven't arrived yet. //

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JAYANT PRASAD
JOINT SECRETARY(AMS & CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

February 20, 2001

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry which has been set up by the Govt. of India under the Commission of Inquiry Act, to look into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, has sent us the enclosed two lists of Japanese nationals who had been earlier examined as witnesses by Shah Nawaz Khan Committee of Inquiry, 1956 and Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry, 1972 respectively. The Commission has further asked us to forward these lists to the Embassy of India, Tokyo in order to obtain the current addresses of the witnesses mentioned therein who are still living so that the Commission could examine them afresh. As per the directions of the PMO and MHA, we are obliged to extend all possible assistance to the Commission.

In view of the above, I shall be grateful if the information desired by the Commission is collected at the earliest possible and sent to us for onward transmission to them

Yours sincerely,

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(Jayant Prasad)

Enclosures : As above.

Shri Aftab Seth,
Ambassador,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo(JAPAN).

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/ 513. Calcutta, dated, the 7th February'2001.

From : Shri P.K.Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.),
Secretary.

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi- 110001.

Sub: Examination of living Japanese
Witnesses.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith two lists of Witnesses examined before Shah Nawaz Khan Committee of Inquiry and Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry in Japan and to request you to kindly obtain the present address of each of the aforesaid Witnesses who are still living including that of Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi, through the good offices of the Indian Ambassador in Japan and furnish the same to the Commission as expeditiously as possible to enable it to prepare a programme for examination of all the available Witnesses in Japan.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

List of Witnesses examined before Shah Nawaz Khan
Committee of Inquiry at Tokyo, Japan.

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Sl. No.	Name of Witness.	The then Address	Occupation	Date of deposition.
1.	2	3	4	5
1.	Dr.T.Tasuruta	Furukawa - 173,Tsu City, Mie-Pref.	Army Surgeon of Nammon Branch of Taihoku Army Hospital	15.05.1956
2.	Shri Teruo Hachiya	370,Marunouchi Building, Marunouchi,Choyoda-ku, Tokyo	Ex-Minister to the Provi- sional Govt. of Azad Hind.	08.05.1956
3.	Shri Narain Das	64, Rue Fes Tangiers, French Morocco.	Ex-Housing Secretary Indian Independence League,Saigon Branch	08.05.1956
4.	Mr.Keikichi Arai	9, 3-Chome,Honcho, Nihonbashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan	Director, The Society of Polymer Science Japan, Lecturer of Tokyo University, Lecturer of Keio University	09.05.1956
5.	Saburo Isoda	Manbamachi,Tanogun, Gumma Prefee.	Ex-Lt.General Chief of Hikari Kikan	10.05.1956 & 12.05.1956
6.	Shri J. Murti	760, Asagaya 1-Chome Suginamiku, Tokyo	Not available	11.05.1956
7.	Ex.Lt.Col.Shiro Nonogaki	Manager, Osaka Branch, Tokyo Kogyo Boyeki Shokai Ltd.,2nd floor, Mistui Bank Senba Branch, 5,2-Chome, Kitya-Kyuhoji-Machi, Higashi-ku, Osaka(Japan)	Vide Col.3	14.05.1956
8.	Mr. Kinji Watanabe	644, Akai-Cho,Nara City, Japan	Ex-Interpreter, Hikari Kikan	14.05.1956
9.	Dr. T.Tasuruta	Furukawa-173, Tsu City, Mie-Pref.	Ex-Medical Officer, Nammon Military Hospital,Taihoku	15.05.1956
10.	Mr. Sato-Kazo	Mynken-Motoyo Sokea, Otachimooro,Tsatomai, Goju Kyu Ban, No.59	Ex-Soldier Grade I 136,Air Unit Taihoku	16.05.1956
11.	Major Taro Kono	No.552, Asagaya-2, Suginamiker, Tokyo	Printing Business in Tokyo	16.05.1956
12.	Col. Sugiya Miyata	1073 Kawanoe City, Japan	Air Staff Officer Taihoku	17.05.1956
13.	Major Takahashi Ihaho	Kanagawa Ken Zushi Shi 607, Japan	Ex-Staff Officer, 15th Japanese Army	17.05.1956

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51. No.	Name of Witnesses	The then Address	Occupation	Date
1	2	3	4	5
14.	Col.Muraji Yano	Kagoshimaken Kokubu Shi Muke, 1751	Ex-Chief of 2nd Section,Southern Army H.Q.,Saigon.	18.05.1956
15.	Major Masaharu Kinoshita	No.1233 Kugahara-cho, Otaku, Tokyo	Ex-Duty Officer Imperial General H.Q., Tokyo	21.05.1956
16.	Lt.Col.Morio Takakura	Ex-Staff Officer, Imperial General Head- quarters, Tokyo.	Vide Col.3.	21.05.1956
17.	Mr.Tatsuo Hayashida	Fukuoka City, No.1, Haru Yoshi, Street, Japan.	Ex-Second Lt. Administrative Section,Formosan Army H.Q.,Taihoku	22.05.1956
18.	Dr.Taneyoshi Yoshimi	Takajocho Miyasaki- ken, Japan	Officer-in-charge Nammon Military Hospital,Taihoku.	22.05.1956 & 23.05.1956
19.	Shri Satyendranath Sen	Nol, 1-Chome, Nakame- guro, Meguro-ku,Tokyo	Ex-Member of the Territorial Commi- ttee of I.I.L. Japan	23.05.1956
20.	Ex-Lt.Col.Shibuya Masanari	Miyangi-ken, Tsutagon Sanbunni-cho Machi- Oura No.43.	Ex-Air Force Staff Officer, Formosan Army, Taihoku.	24.05.1956
21.	Ex-Captain Makato Nakamura (now Makato Yamamoto)	Fukuoka Ken Omta, 25- Yamano Owey Cho, Japan	Ex-Officer-in- Charge Taihoku Aerodrome	25.05.1956
22.	Mrs.Makato Yamamoto	Fukuoka Ken-Omta, 25-Yamano Owey Cho, Japan	Ex-Clerk, Communi- cation Bureau, Taihoku Airport	25.05.1956
23.	Ex-Major Kenichi Sakai	4 Aza-Miho,Furukawa, Aomori City,Japan	Ex-Battalion Commander-in-Charge Aerodrome Defence, Taihoku	28.05.1956
24.	Mr. Kazuo Mitui,	Fukuoka Wakamatsu- shi, 15 Nishi Hata- machi, Japan	Ex-Medical Orderly Taihoku Rikugun Byoyin Nammon (Military)Hospital, Taihoku.	29.05.1956
25.	Mr. Juichi Nakamura	No.27, Nichome Sakura Machi, Fukuoka City, Tokyo	Ex-employee in the Foreign Office Taiwan.	30.05.1956
26.	Rev. Kyoei Mochizuki	Head Priest of Renkoji Temple(Netaji Shrine), 130, 2-Chome Koenji Suginami-ku, Tokyo	Vide Col.3.	30.05.1956
27.	Ex-General Haruki Isayama	5624 Sajo Machi, Seta Gaya-Ku, Tokyo	Ex-Chief of the General Staff Formosan Army.	31.05.1956

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<u>Sl. No.</u> 1	<u>Name of Witnesses</u> 2	<u>The then Address</u> 3	<u>Occupation</u> 4	<u>Date</u> 5
28.	Rev.Hotta Hidemeru	Priest of Higashi Honganji Temple, No.3113, Shobata, Saori-cho, Amagun, Aichi-Ken, Tokyo	Vide Col.3	31.05.1956
29.	Mr. M. Miyoshi	36, Satsuki Cho, Fukushima Shi, Fukushima Ken, Japan	Ex-Medical Orderly , Rikugun Byoin, Taihoku Military Hospital, Taihoku.	01.06.1956
30.	Ex-Major S. Nagatomo	Miyazaki-shi, 2828, Nakamura Machi, Japan	Ex-Staff Officer Taiwan H.Q. Army H.Q. at Taiwan.	01.06.1956
31.	Mr.Naokichi Kitazawa	Member of the House of Representatives, Tokyo	Ex-Deputy to the Japanese Ambassador at Rangoon.	02.06.1956
32.	Mr. Koji Asada	2826-2 Chome, Hom Machi Koku Bunji, Tokyo	Ex-Diplomatic Attache to the Govt. of Burma.	02.06.1956
33.	Col. J.G.Figgess	Military Attache, British Embassy in Tokyo	Ex-Staff Officer to Lt. General Gairdner, then Personal Representative of the Prime Minister of the U.K. to General Mac Arthur.	05.06.1956

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List of Witnesses examined before Justice Khosla
Commission of Inquiry in Japan.

<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Name of Witnesses</u>	<u>Date of Examination</u>	<u>Place of Examination</u>	<u>Address</u>
1.	Lt. Gen. Fujiwara	30.03.71	Tokyo	Not available
2.	Mr. Tadashi Ando	30.03.71	"	"
3.	Mr. Tadao Sakai	31.03.71	"	"
4.	Mr. Attur Sain Jain	31.03.71	"	"
5.	Mr. K.V.Narain	02.04.71	"	"
6.	Mr. Negishi	05.04.71 08.04.71	" "	" "
7.	Mr. Hachia	06.04.71	"	"
8.	Mr. Koji Takamlya	06.04.71	"	"
9.	Col. Shiro Nonogaki	07.04.71 08.04.71	" "	" "
10.	Mr. Watanabe	08.04.71	"	"
11.	Mr. Ahira Kyuru	10.04.71	Kobe	"
12.	Mr. M.J. Patel	10.04.71	"	"
13.	Mr. D.C. Gupta	10.04.71	"	"
14.	Mr. Bhagwandas Mulkhraj Jhaveri	10.04.71	"	"
15.	Mr. Ram Singh Gulani	10.04.71	"	"
16.	Mr. Hans Raj	10.04.71	"	"
17.	Mr. Tatsuo Hayashida	12.04.71	Tokyo	"
18.	Mr. J. Murti	12.04.71	"	"
19.	Mr. Taro Kono (Major)	13.04.71 14.04.71	" "	" "
20.	Mr. Kuji Asada	13.04.71	"	"
21.	Mr. Tahashashi	14.04.71	"	"
22.	Mr. Shigetaka Sugiura	14.04.71	"	"
23.	Mr. Kenichi Sakai	16.04.71	"	"
24.	Mr. Suburo Isoda	16.04.71	"	"
25.	Mr. Yoshio Ishii (Dr.)	22.04.71	"	"
26.	Lt. Col. Masanari Shibuya	23.04.71	"	"
27.	Mr. Morio Takakura	23.04.71	"	"
28.	Dr. Taneyashi Yoshimi	24.04.71	"	"

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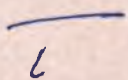
February 13, 2001

Justice M.K.Mukherjee, Chairman of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, proposes to visit U.K. in the last week of April, 2001 in order to study the declassified records of the British Library in London. Justice Mukherjee would be accompanied by Shri P.K.Sengupta, Secretary to the Commission. The Commission also desires to examine some witnesses based in U.K. like Lord Peter Archer, Lord Malcon Rifkind(former Foreign Secretary of the British Parliament) and Colonel Hugh Toye who, from the affidavits filed and evidence given under oath by Dr.(Mrs.) Purabi Roy before the Commission, appear to be competent witnesses, besides other local witnesses, if any, who may be interested to depose before the Commission in response to the public notice to be issued by the Commission from London for this purpose.

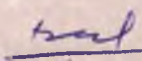
The Commission has desired that our High Commission in London may provide them secretarial assistance and office equipment (i.e. typewriters and tape recorders etc.) for the proposed hearing in London and also make necessary arrangements to facilitate examination of the declassified records available in the British Library and issue of a public notice for the proposed hearing.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly confirm whether the assistance required by the Commission may be provided to enable us to send a reply to them accordingly.

Yours sincerely,


(Jayant Prasad)

Shri H.S.Puri,
Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commission of India,
London(U.K.)


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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/ JMCI/DOC (FOR)/99-2000/56/490. Calcutta, dated, the 31.01.2001.

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.),
Secretary

To : Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Ref : This office letter No. JMCI/DOC (FOR)/
99-2000/56/310 dated November 1, 2000
and D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.V.
dated November 6, 2000 of the Joint
Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External
Affairs, addressed to the Director
General of Archives.

S i r,

With reference to the above, I am directed to state
that the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission has desired to
visit U.K. in the last week of April, 2001 and remain
present during the period of study of the declassified
files/records lying in the British Library in London to be
made by the Commission jointly with the National Archives
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witnesses, if any, who may show their interest to depose
before the Commission in response to the public notice to be
issued by the Commission from London for the purpose of
such hearing.

I am further directed to state that in the interest of
economy the Hon'ble Chairman has desired that only the
Secretary of the Commission, Shri P.K. Sengupta, will accompany
him in anticipation that the required personnel (like,
Stenographers, Assistants, and other supporting personnel)
and the equipments (like, tape-recorders, type-writers, etc.)
for the purpose of the proposed hearing would be provided
by the office of High Commissioner of India in London and to
request you to advise the High Commission of India in London

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accordingly as also to take necessary action comprehensively so that the Commission can smoothly travel to U.K., inspect the declassified documents in the British Library, London, record deposition of relevant witnesses there with proper public notice and come back to India on completion of the tour which is likely to be for a period of three or four weeks.

An early reply is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/DOC (FOR)/99-2000/56/490(2) Dated : 31.01.2001.

- (1) Copy forwarded to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001, for information and favour of taking necessary action. This has reference to our letter No. JMCI/DOC (FOR)/99-2000/56/233 dated August 28, 2000 and our endorsement No. JMCI/DOC (FOR)/99-2000/56/247 dated September 11, 2000.
- (2) Copy forwarded to Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General of Archives, Government of India, Janpath, New Delhi-110001. This has reference to his D.O. F.No.25-2(9)/2000.CC. dated December 5, 2000.

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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JAYANT PRASAD
JOINT SECRETARY(AMS & CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

February 8, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N. Delhi/99-2000/480(3) dated January 19, 2001 regarding investigation done by Government of Japan into the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

A copy of the desired report of the above mentioned investigation received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan on January 31, 1956 is available in KW-I of file No.25/4/NGO. Vol-V(page no. 83 – 92). A photocopy of this file alongwith KWs has already been sent to the commission vide our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.V dated 13.11.2000.

Yours sincerely,

(Jayant Prasad)

Shri P.K.Sengupta, WBHJS(Retd.)
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (3rd floor)
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street,
Calcutta 700 087

Copy for information to Ms Archana Ranjan, Director(PMO), New Delhi, w.r. t. their U.O.No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol dated 31.01.2001.

(Jayant Prasad)

Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)

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New Delhi-110 011

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for
Inquiries in the alleged disappearance of Netaji
Subhas Chandra Bose.

Enclosed please find a copy of letter No.
JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/480(3) dated 19.1.2001
addressed to Director(PMO) by Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS
(Retd.) Secretary on the subject mentioned above for necessary
action.

2. A copy of the report referred to in the enclosed
letter, if available, may be made available to this office for
onward transmission to the Commission.

Archana Ranjan
[Archana Ranjan]
Director

- 1- Foreign Secretary
- 2- Home Secretary

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Calcutta, dated, the 19th January, 2001

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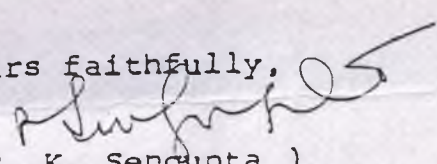
To
Ms. Archana Ranjan,
Director,
Prime Minister's Office, South Block,
New Delhi-110 011.

Madam,

I am directed to say that it has transpired from the materials on record of the Commission that the Government of Japan made an investigation into the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the alleged air-crash on August 18, 1945 and submitted a report of that investigation to the Govt. of India and to request you to send a copy of the said report, if available, in your Ministry/office, to the Commission as early as possible.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Calcutta, dated, the 19th January, 2001.

From:

Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS(Retd.),
Secretary.

To

Shri Jayant Prosad,
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CLEARING THE NETAJI MYSTERY

THE DEATH OF "Netaji" Subhash Chandra Bose, taking place as it did in the midst of World War II, was sought to be shrouded in mystery. It may be true that the campaign carried out by a section of those claiming to be Netaji's legatees — that Bose had managed to survive the crash — lacked credibility even at the time when it was initiated. But then, the political context in which the campaign was taking place — the emergence of Jawaharlal Nehru as the natural leader of independent India and as Prime Minister later on — had given the campaign an unwarranted twist. The narration by Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi (a doctor serving in the Japanese Army at the time of the Netaji's death) who had examined and treated Bose after the crash must finally put the lid firmly on the decades-long "controversy" for whatever it is worth. Dr. Yoshimi's description of the events on August 18, 1945 (the day on which Netaji was brought to the Nanmon Military Hospital), going into such details as the extent of burns that Netaji had suffered and the kind of medical treatment and the death within hours after he was brought to the hospital must serve to put a stop to any debate on whether the death took place then and there or whether Bose survived the crash. Dr. Yoshimi's narration also includes the state of all those who accompanied Netaji on that fateful flight from Taihoku airport.

There were not really many takers for the story that Netaji survived the crash. The story, at least for a number of those who peddled it, was nothing more than a fantasy; they refused to believe that their leader was dead. But then, a story of that kind did have its implication (rather, some utility for a section) in the political arena. The legacy of Subhash Chandra Bose was sought to be constructed in a way so that it appeared that there was a permanent conflict between Bose and Jawaharlal Nehru. And it was in this context that tales began to be constructed suggesting

that Bose was "captured" alive and imprisoned in the Soviet Union; the construction went on to suggest a "conspiracy" entered into between the leaders of independent India and the regime in the Soviet Union to ensure that Bose did not return to India for ever. Bose, indeed, had differences with a whole lot of those who led the Indian National Congress including Mahatma Gandhi. But then, these were differences in perception on the form of the struggle for freedom. Bose was in perfect agreement with Gandhi as much with Jawaharlal Nehru insofar as the definition of freedom was concerned. They were all together in defining the struggle for freedom and Indian nationalism as an idea rooted firmly in the principles of secularism, egalitarianism and democracy. Bose was no less committed to resisting any attempts, even then, by forces wedded to notions of nationalism based on cultural or other forms of denominations.

It is this legacy of Bose that needs to be recalled at this stage rather than engaging oneself in a debate as to whether he really died in a plane crash or whether he survived. After Dr. Yoshimi has narrated the events during the few hours before Bose was dead, one will expect even those who insist on disbelieving the news of the INA leader's death to come to terms with the truth. And insofar as the legacy of Netaji is concerned, the cause he stood for will be served better if all the claimants to the legacy commit themselves to building an egalitarian and democratic order. Bose's most important contribution to the nation — the Indian National Army (INA) — after all stood for these values. And more than these, Netaji's comrades in the INA refused to allow religious identities to play any role in the making of the Indian nation. The best way to remember Netaji hence will be to accept these ideas and build on them.

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Controversy over Bose death finally 'ends'

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LONDON, JAN 28/2001

CONTROVERSY over the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has finally "ended" with a Japanese doctor who attended on him certifying that the veteran freedom fighter and chief of Indian National Army (INA) died on August 18, 1945, a few hours after getting injured in a plane crash.

The first hand account of how Bose was brought in a serious condition to a military hospital in Taihoku (Formosa, Japan), how he breathed his last and where his ashes were kept were narrated by Dr Taneyoshi Yoshimi, captain (medical) of Imperial Japanese Army, was interviewed by British intelligence in Hong Kong after the Japanese surrender.

Narrating the event in his interview, Yoshimi, who is still alive and resides in northern Japan, said Bose died of "extensive burns and shock" despite best medical treatment.

According to the transcript of the interview, Yoshimi said, "in August, 1945, I was the senior officer at Nanmon Military Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa. At about 5 pm on August 18, 1945, a truck driven up before the hospital contained several men who had been injured in an aeroplane

crash. Two of the men were Indians, and the remainder, about five or six in number were Japanese.

"One of the Japanese, a staff officer with the rank of Lt-Colonel whose name I cannot properly recall, but believe was Ishii informed me that one of the Indians, pointing him out, was Chandra Bose and that I was not to spare myself and must give him the very best of treatment," Yoshimi said.

Yoshimi said he immediately gave instructions for some medical orderlies to prepare a bed and asked others to carry in the injured men.

"When he was laid on the bed, I personally cleaned his injuries with oils and dressed them. He was suffering from extensive burns over the whole of his body though the most serious were those on his head, chest and thighs. There was very little left on his head in the way of hair or other identification marks."

During the treatment, Yoshimi said he twice inquired whether he was in any pain but Bose gave him no reply. After four hours, "I inquired whether there was any statement, will, or such matter he wished to make. He answered "nothing". After the fourth hour, he appeared to be sinking into unconsciousness. He murmured and muttered in his state of coma, but never regained consciousness. At about 11 pm he died."

May kindly like to see for information.

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JS(EE) may like to peruse the attached clipping from *The Hindustan Times* of today alleging indifference on the part of the concerned authorities in respect of collecting relevant documents from Russian Archives on Netaji's demise. As in previous instances, the press report is likely to engage attention, both of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji's alleged disappearance as also of Members of Parliament, at the forthcoming Budget Session.

Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (CNV)
24.1.2001

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From Russia, with silence

Pramit Pal Chaudhuri
New Delhi, January 23



WHEN IT comes to Netaji, Russia isn't saying and India isn't pressing. This was clear to the three academics sent by the Asiatic Society, Calcutta, to Moscow in 1995 to get access to Soviet file on Subash Chandra Bose.

When the KGB disintegrated along with the rest of the Soviet Union in 1991, a Russian researcher, Turadzev, was able to access portions of a KGB file on Netaji from September to December. Bits and pieces of

these documents were printed in the Russian press in 1992.

There wasn't any new information in the material published. What it did reveal was that a hitherto unknown KGB dossier on Netaji existed. And, as Turadzev told Indian scholars who met him later, he received no encouragement to pursue the matter from the Indian government.

The Indian embassy did issue a diplomatic note verbale to the Russian authorities asking for the Netaji file. Moscow sent a note back, saying nothing doing. But, as one Indian scholar recently said, this diplomatic exchange seemed a smokescreen.

The experience of the Asiatic Society team, led by Dr Purabi Roy, was not too different. They also ran into an official stonewall. Requests for the whole Netaji file were turned down. One member of the team, Dr. Hari Vasudevan, of the University of Calcutta's history department, visited the KGB's Central Archival Office in Moscow. There he was "aggressively rebuffed" when he asked for files on Netaji. "I was told no requests would be entertained without considerable official pressure from India."

Dr Vasudevan says a number of other files pertaining to Netaji clearly lie in the Russian archives.

For example, the Indian National Army had a plenipotentiary based in the Siberian city of Omsk during much of World War II. A shadowy Southeast Asian by the name of Katokochu, he was never given full ambassadorial recognition by the Free India government but was accepted by Moscow. Soviet Defence Ministry files on him are known to exist, but have never been opened to the public. Dr Roy was refused a look.

Also, a number of Netaji's collaborators in Europe were known to have fled to the Soviet Union following the collapse of Nazi Germany. Their fate is unknown. Presumably Moscow also has files on them.

What baffled the Asiatic Society team the most was the studied indifference of New Delhi. According to one member of the team, the then Indian ambassador in Moscow, Ronen Sen, made it clear that beyond the note verbale "that was as far as the embassy could go".

Dr Vasudevan is more critical. "In the 10 years since the Soviet disintegration, not a single historical group or institution in India has bothered to pursue the matter -- not only of Netaji but of the many other Soviet files on India."

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JAYANT PRASAD
JOINT SECRETARY(AMS & CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

January 24, 2001

Dear Shri Bhatia

Please refer O.M.No. I-12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) dated 11.01.2001 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

We have gone through our files pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose but have not been able to lay our hands on any of the two documents mentioned in your O.M. under reference.

Your sincerely,

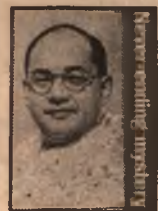
Jc (Jayant Prasad)

Shri V.P.Bhatia,
Under Secretary(IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
New Delhi.

The truth about Netaji is still

And the Govt is looking

Anil Anand/HT Correspondents
New Delhi/Calcutta, January 23



IN KOLKATA, they still call 23 January "Netaji's birthday". A subtle, but telling variation of "birth anniversary": the latter suggests that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is dead, the former is a reflection of a belief that his home state is more comfortable with. So 23rd of January always has a bit of both celebration and controversy.

This time was no different. Knowing how close Netaji is to the Bengali heart, Union Minister of State for Communication, Tapan Sikdar, tried to get some political mileage out of Bose's death when he demanded that the "truth about Netaji's death be brought to the forefront".

He was making a speech while releasing a stamp to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Netaji's flight from India, but was asked to drop the subject and get on with talking about Netaji's contribution to India instead by Sugata Bose, a member of Netaji's family.

The Bose family, which runs the Netaji Research Bureau, believes that Netaji didn't survive the mysterious August 1945 air crash. The 20-month-old Justice M.K. Mukherjee Commission has been given the mandate of investigating the circumstances of Netaji's disappearance, but it has made little headway so far. Most of its time was spent breaking bureaucratic barriers.

But now, the Centre is prepared to lend a hand by releasing certain classified documents to the Commission. Talking to *The Hindustan Times*, Home Minister L K Advani said he would study the documents before taking a decision to hand them over to the Commission. "If any such document helps the Commission in solving the mystery, it could be made available to the panel," he said.

To score a few points in her home state, Union Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee had earlier made the grand announcement in Kolkata that the Centre was willing to release all documents relating to Netaji's case. However, well placed Home Ministry sources maintained that only such papers which might facilitate the probe, would be released to the Commission.

In another twist to the meandering mystery, senior officials who have been connected with earlier probes into the Netaji episode, have questioned the veracity of recently made claims that the truth about the leader's whereabouts after the plane crash lie buried in the national archives.

They have also raised serious doubts about the existence of a letter supposedly written by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Josef Stalin after Netaji was allegedly spotted in the erstwhile Soviet Union.

On the basis of the access they had had to documents now being discussed, they said the archival records "do not contain any explosive material or something which could substantiate the theory that Netaji did not die in that air crash."



1946: A Russian document quotes Stalin and his ministers discussing plans for the communist movement vis-a-vis Bose. A few days earlier, a Soviet agent named V.G. Sayadyants (based in Mumbai) reported that "the Soviet Union cannot possibly work with either Nehru or Gandhi", and "Bose is the only hope for Soviet Russia".

December 20 1945: A Japanese newspaper reported that Bose was on his way to the Soviet Union and passed through Tokyo.



August 18, 1945: The official date of Netaji's death. But, a British archive document states that the entire theory of the plane crash in Taihuku was "pre-planned and contrived". And a British military intelligence input is "not sure" that Bose's body was identified.

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NEW DELHI, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1945

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REPORTED DEATH OF SUBHAS BOSE
Succumbs To Injuries Received In Air Crash
The Japanese News Agency on Thursday announced the death of Mr Subhas Chandra Bose in a Japanese hospital after injuries received in an air crash, says a London source.
The Japanese News Agency said: "Bose, head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, left Tokyo on August 14 by air plane. For talks with the Japanese Government, he was seriously injured when his plane crashed at Taihoku airport at 14:00 hours August 18. He was given treatment in a hospital in Japan, where he died at midnight. Lieut-Gen. Tameo Shiki was instantly killed and General Shikibu Nakamura, Mr. Bose's adjutant, and four other Japanese were injured in the crash."
Reports of Mr. Bose's activities in Japan since the last day of his escape from the Japanese and had referred his "Government" to the death of Mr Subhas Chandra Bose.

HT doubted it even in 1945

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IT IS Indian politics' greatest mystery. While it seems apparent that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose wasn't killed in a plane crash as was widely believed till recently, the mystery survives as no one seems to know exactly what happened.

Yet the doubts aren't recent. They were there in good measure in the way *The Hindustan Times* treated the story of his death as news trickled in in August 1945. *HT* had reason to be

sceptical: in March 1942, Japanese radio had announced Netaji's death in an air crash. But Bose resurfaced soon after. Here's a peek into *The Hindustan Times'* archives:

The Hindustan Times, August 25, 1945 says: "Reported death of Subhash Bose" — on page 5. There's just a pointer on the front page saying this may have happened. The story itself is filled with disclaimers. "The death of Mr Subhash Chandra Bose reported by the Japanese has — if true — relieved the British authorities of a difficult problem, but has undoubtedly caused new pain in the hearts of millions."

"At the same time many questioned whether he is actually dead or whether the Japanese had co-operated in giving

him an opportunity to 'go underground' and escape."

Another story is headlined: "Bose's 'dead' story not believed in London". While the copy goes on to say "Japanese reports on the death of Subhash Chandra Bose were taken with a grain of salt in circles close to Far Eastern Official quarters. It is pointed out that reports of a somewhat similar character were put out by the Japanese earlier, after which Subhash Chandra Bose embarked upon the most active period of his career. Opinion expressed is that the Japanese reports savour too much of imitation, that the timing is too good to be entirely fortuitous and that Subhash is probably seeking an easy way out."

oes after ISI agents

ments in the western part of the state. Intelligence officials, observe that taking shelter in areas around Delhi seems a well-planned strategy of the ISI agents to dodge security and intelligence officials.

In fact, their apparent strategy is to keep their identity intact. For this, western UP and Haryana seems to be the most favourable place for them as they can easily mingle in the local population.

Moreover, their target area Delhi is easily accessible from the towns of Western U.P. "After reaching here by the Samjhauta Express it is easy for these elements to sneak in the various parts of the western UP", said a senior police official.

Sensing the gravity of the situation, IG Shailjakant spoke to his Rohtak counterpart to tackle the situation by the joint efforts. "I have suggested the IG Rohtak to organise a meeting of police officials of both sides to discuss the problem in length", he said.

councillors seek elp to ward off council crisis

ularly in the slum areas of the city. Mr Sangwan, however, pointed out that only the Haryana Government could approach the Centre for getting adequate funds and asked them to persuade the State Government to send a formal request to the Central Government in this regard. He also assured members of the delegation that he would do his best to get necessary funds sanctioned from the Centre.

The BJP Member of Parliament was reported to have made his displeasure known to the delegation members that being an MP of the area, he has never been invited or approached on any issue. The councillors said that the moment the grant-in-aid was made available to the municipal council, they would invite him.

Three Dalits hurt in attack

THREE MEMBERS of a Dalit family were injured in an attack at Shimli village of Rohtak district, about 10 km from here. The injured have been identified as Khushi Ram, Dharmender and Jitender alias Khagar. According to information available, some youths of the village had an altercation with an 'anganwadi' worker, Kanta, during a pulse polio drive.

After some time, the youths, armed with sharp weapons, reported to be swords, attacked the house of Khushi Ram, a Dalit. Three persons were injured in the attack. Later, the matter was brought to the notice of the local Sadar police. **HTC, Rohtak**

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'Centre adopting anti-farmer

HT Correspondent
Rohtak, January 23

FORMER HARYANA Chief Minister Hukam Singh has strongly criticised the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Government at the Centre accusing it of adopting "anti-farmer" policies.

In a Press statement issued today from the Pt. BD Sharma Institute where he is admitted for treatment, Hukam Singh dubbed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

as the "enemy of farmers and labourers" and alleged that rates of farm inputs like diesel, fertilisers, power and insecticides had doubled after the BJP assumed power at the Centre.

In contrast, prices of various farm products had been reduced to a half, breaking the back of the farmers of the country.

Charging the state BJP leaders with "doublespeak", Mr Singh asked them to clarify whether the BJP would withdraw support from the Om Prakash Chautala-led

Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) Government or continue to support the "anti-policies of the present Haryana government.

PCO operators stir: The PCO operators of Haryana will observe a token strike on January 26 when telephone calls up to a distance of 200 km will begin to be charged at local calls by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

Haryana PCO Operator Association President Nares Chaddha announced here today that the state-wide one-day token



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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, the 11th January 2001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that in the proceedings in its sitting on 28.09.2000, the Commission inter alia directed production of the following documents :-

- (i) A xerox copy of the letter said to be sent by General Chiang-kai-Sheikh to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru about an inquiry reportedly made by the Government of Nationalist China at Taipei regarding the alleged plane-crash involving Netaji alongwith a xerox copy of the said inquiry Report; and
- (ii) A xerox copy of the report dated 31.12.1945 of Shri B.C.Chakravarty (Witness No. 168 before Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry) on alleged air-crash and alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which was counter-signed by Col. Stevenson and sent to the CSDIC as referred to in the published report of the Commission.

2. We have made efforts to search these documents in the records of this Ministry but could not lay our hands on any such document. We are required to file a supplementary affidavit relating to these two documents before the Commission. Before any committal position is stated in the supplementary affidavit, it is requested that efforts may please be made in the Ministry of External Affairs to see if letter/documents mentioned above are available in that Ministry.

3. Since the supplementary affidavit is to be filed before the next sitting of the Commission on 17.01.2001, it is requested that the result of the efforts to locate these two documents in the Ministry of External Affairs may please be communicated to this Ministry at the earliest.

(V.P.BHATIA)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Ministry of External Affairs
Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV)

South Block

New Delhi

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East Asia Division may please refer to our note no. 10092/NGO/2000 dated 06.12.2000 regarding submission of files/documents to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

While SO(JK) vide note dated 08.01.2001(copy enclsod) has forwarded us file no. C/551/5/72-JP Vol.I only, which was requisitioned by them from RM Section. The volume two of the above file is still awaited.

US(JK) is requested to look into the matter urgently and send us the remaining volumes of File No. C/551/5/72-JP for onward transmission to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

[Signature]
(D.B.Bhati)
Section Officer(NGO)
16.01.2001

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The following File acquired
by N G O Section, regarding matters
relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra
is sent herewith for necessary
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This file has been reprimitioned
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Yours faithfully.

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/ Calcutta, dated, the 3rd January '2001.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.),
Secretary

To : Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi- 110001.

Sub : Strict compliance with the orders/
directions contained in the proceedings
dated 22.12.2000 read with the proceedings
dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000,
28.09.2000 and 23.11.2000, of Justice
Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

S i r,

I am sending herewith a copy of the proceedings
dated 22.12.2000 (Sixth) of the Commission containing
its orders and directions for your perusal and compliance
thereof as directed by the Commission.

Copies of the earlier proceedings of the Commission
were duly sent to your office in the past.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl. As stated above.

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 22.12.2000 (Sixth)

Held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta 700 007

A. EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES

December 22, 2000

I. Dr. Purabi Roy (C.W.10), who was examined in part on the last date of hearing (November 23, 2000), has been examined further. In course of her examination she has produced 55 documents in 26 folders along with a list thereof and those documents have been marked Z, Z_(a), Z₁, Z₂ to Z₁₆, Z_{16(a)}, Z₁₇ to Z₂₆, Z_{26(a)}, Z₂₇, Z_{27(a)}, Z₂₈ to Z₄₇ and Z₄₈ (three documents collectively) for identification. On conclusion of her examination Shri Jayanta Roy has been examined on oath (C.W.11). Thereafter, Shri V.P. Bhatia, an Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs has been examined (C.W.12). In course of his examination, he has identified the documents referred to in paragraph 3(b)(i) of the order dated September 28, 2000, (papers relating to the Khosla Commission of Inquiry) and proved that those documents have been produced from proper custody. The other witness, Smt. Prava Jagannathan, to whom summons was sent by registered post at the address available on record, is neither present nor has the A/D Card been received. On receipt of the same, appropriate orders will be passed. Till her present correct address is made available, the question of resummoning her does not arise.

II. Shri Samar Guha, who has been cited as a witness in more than one affidavit filed before the Commission, is now seriously ill and bed-ridden. He has, however, expressed his willingness to be examined as a witness at his residence. Accordingly, his examination on commission has been fixed on January 10, 2001 at 1.00 P.M. at his residence at 8/2, Central Park, Jadavpur, Calcutta 700 032. The parties/Advocates present, have been intimated about the venue, date and time of his examination.

III. Mr. Keshab Bhattacharya, learned Counsel appearing for the deponents in JMCI/19/2000, filed an application on December 21, 2000 alleging that certain questions put by him to Shri Suman Chattopadhyay (C.W.6), and the answers given by the latter thereto have not been recorded; and he has, accordingly, prayed for incorporating those questions and answers in the deposition of Shri Chattopadhyay. While it is true that Mr. Bhattacharya did put some questions to Shri Chattopadhyay and the latter gave answers, both the questions and the answers were disallowed as irrelevant. The application filed by Mr. Bhattacharya is, therefore, rejected.

B. RE: HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

IV. After completion of the examination of the witnesses present, Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, learned Counsel appearing for the Government of India, starts making his submission in support of the two applications filed by Shri Kamal Pande, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs and Shri Jamail Singh, Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, claiming privilege in respect of the contents of the documents referred to in their respective applications. On the prayer of Mr. Pal, and of the other learned Counsel/parties, further hearing on the above question is adjourned till the next sitting of the Commission.

V. In compliance with the order as contained in paragraph 6(ii) of the Proceedings dated November 23, 2000, Shri D.C. Vajpai, Commissioner of Police, Calcutta and Shri A.K. Sen Deputy Inspector General of Police, I.B., West Bengal (since retired), have submitted their explanations. Considering their explanations it is felt that no further action need be taken in the matter.

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C. OTHER MATTERS/ORDERS

VI. The attention of the respective Ministries/Offices is once more drawn to the directions contained in paras B.1, B.4, B.5 and B.7 of the order dated November 23, 2000. Last chance is given to the respective Ministries/offices to comply with the same by January 31, 2001, failing which, appropriate legal action will be taken against the officers concerned for wilful non-compliance with the said orders/directions.

D. NEXT HEARING

VII. The next hearing of the Commission will be held on January 17, 2001 at 11.00 A.M. in the Seminar Hall of Mahajati Sadan, Annexe Building, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta – 700 007 which shall be confined to the issue of privilege claimed.


(M.K. Mukherjee)
Chairman.